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Mark: EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE

Applicant Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (“Applicant”) appeals from the final refusal to register EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE (“Mark”) for the following services:

Promoting collaboration within the scientific, research and provider communities to achieve advances in the field of recognition, evaluation, and treatment of early heart attack symptoms; Promoting public awareness of recognition, evaluation, and treatment of early heart attack symptoms; Promoting public interest and awareness of recognition, evaluation, and treatment of early heart attack symptoms,” in International Class 35.

The Mark was finally refused registration August 16, 2015, on the ground that it is merely descriptive. Applicant respectfully urges that the mark does not, without more, describe or refer to an element or characteristic of the services or, in the alternative, that it has acquired distinctiveness over nearly 25 years of exclusive use in connection with the recited services, and requests that the refusal be traversed.



## **BACKGROUND**

The EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE Mark has been in continuous and substantially exclusive use in commerce in connection with Applicant's services since at least as early as December 3, 1991. The tagline was created by Applicant's predecessor in interest, Dr. Raymond Bahr, to identify a hospital-based program established for the purpose of raising awareness that identification of cardiovascular-related symptoms is an effective means to avoid the onset of coronary artery disease, endocarditis, stroke, and similar conditions. The Mark was part of a registered mark that was inadvertently canceled: E.H.A.C. EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE CHEST PAIN CENTER, U.S. Reg. No. 2092920. A copy of the TESS record is submitted herewith and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

As set forth in the Declaration of Wil Mick, Applicant's CEO, more than 1100 healthcare facilities throughout the United States have subscribed to Applicant's EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE awareness services. The Declaration is submitted herewith and the list of healthcare facilities is attached thereto as Exhibit B.

## **ARGUMENT**

The Examining Attorney has continued to refuse registration of Applicant's Mark because she believes it to be merely descriptive of Applicant's services. The individual terms EARLY, HEART ATTACK, and CARE by themselves are suggestive of several attributes of Applicant's services. The Mark is a tagline comprised of a unique combination of terms that does not immediately describe its intended function. Even if the Mark is considered to be merely descriptive, the abundant proof of Applicant's substantially exclusive use of the Mark in



commerce for nearly 25 years more than adequately establishes that the Mark has acquired distinctiveness.

**I. "EARLY HEARY ATTACK CARE" IS SUGGESTIVE OF APPLICANT'S SERVICES.**

"A mark is merely descriptive if it immediately conveys to one seeing or hearing it knowledge of the ingredients, qualities, or characteristics of the goods or services with which it is used . . . ." *In the Matter of the Appl. of Quik-Print Copy Shops, Inc.*, 616 F.2d 523, 525 (C.C.P.A.1980). *See also In re DC Comics, Inc.*, 689 F.2d 1042 (C.C.P.A. 1982). The significant inquiry is whether the consumer, upon hearing or seeing the mark, can immediately determine the function of the particular goods or services. *See Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 189 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 348 (1976). In *Firestone*, the court held that the proposed mark "Biasteel" was not descriptive of the product, tires, because there was no evidence that the purchasing public would readily associate the mark with a particular type of tire, even though the term "steel" describes a feature or component of the tire. *Id.* *See also In re Automatic Radio Mfg. Co., Inc.*, 404 F.2d 1391, 1394 (C.C.P.A. 1969) ("Automatic Radio" not descriptive because "[t]he record here does not show that anyone anywhere calls radios 'automatic radios' in a descriptive sense.").

Mere descriptiveness must be considered, among other things, in relation to the services for which registration is sought, the context in which it is used, the possible significance of the term in relation to the services, and the likely reaction thereto by an average purchaser." *See In re Rank Org. Ltd.*, 222 U.S.P.Q. 324 (TTAB 1984). In order to be characterized as "descriptive," a term must directly give some reasonably accurate or tolerably distinct knowledge of the characteristics of a product or service. *Blisscraft of Hollywood v. United Plastics Co.*, 294 F.2d 694, 131 U.S.P.Q. 55 (2nd Cir. 1961).



"If information about the product or service given by the term used as a mark is indirect or vague, then this indicates that the term is being used in a 'suggestive,' not descriptive, manner." J. Thomas McCarthy, *McCarthy on Trademarks* §11.19 (4th ed. 2000). A term will not be characterized as "descriptive" unless a substantial portion of prospective customers recognize it as such. *Blisscraft*, 131 U.S.P.Q. 55. A mark is suggestive if it "forthwith conveys an immediate idea" of the ingredients, qualities, characteristics, functions or features of the product or service. *Stix Prod., Inc. v. United Merchants & Mfrs., Inc.*, 295 F. Supp. 479 (S.D.N.Y. 1968) (mark CONTACT for self-adhesive plastic is not merely descriptive despite that phrases such as "adheres on contact," "placed in contact," and "sticks on contact" describe functions of the goods). It takes at least a modicum of imagination, thought or perception to reach a conclusion as to the nature of the goods or services. *See Chronicle Pub. Co. v. Chronicle Pub., Inc.*, 13 U.S.P.Q.2d 1599, 1602 (N.D.Cal. 1989) (mark CHRONICLE for books is suggestive);

By definition, a descriptive element is required for the suggesting process to take place. *See Q-Tips, Inc. v. Johnson & Johnson*, 206 F.2d 144, 146 (3d Cir.). Where "a multi-stage reasoning process ... is necessary to ascertain the nature or function," the mark is suggestive. *BellSouth Corp. v. Planum Tech. Corp.*, 14 U.S.P.Q.2d 1555, 1556 (TTAB 1988).

The fact that consumers may be able to determine a mark's derivation by looking at dictionary definitions does not mean that the mark immediately conveys information about Applicant's services. *In re Vernon Chatman III*, Ser. Nos. 77261141 and 77261143 (TTAB Jan. 29, 2009).

Applicant's consumers are medical and healthcare professionals who participate in the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE program in furtherance of Applicant's public awareness and collaboration services. Approximately 400-500 of these professionals attend an annual



educational Congress. The 2015 Congress offered two continuing medical educational programs on EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE. *See* Declaration of Wil Mick, Applicant's CEO, submitted herewith as Exhibit B. These highly educated consumers view the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE mark as the source of Applicant's services. Also among Applicant's consumers are the individuals who are the beneficiaries of Applicant's services – those who attend Applicant's events, receive its materials, and are among the tens of thousands who are members of the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE program.

The relevant consumers must use significant imagination to arrive at the nature of Applicant's services from the trademark EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE. The Mark suggests but does not describe the nature of Applicant's services because the mark could be used in association with a variety of goods services unrelated to Applicant or Applicant's services. Because the nature of Applicant's services is not instantaneous, EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE is suggestive, not descriptive. *See* J. Thomas McCarthy, *McCARTHY ON TRADEMARKS*, Section 11:67 at 11-111 (4th ed. 2000).

It is the USPTO's burden to prove that a mark is merely descriptive of the services. *In re Vernon Chatman III*, Ser. Nos. 77261141 and 77261143 (TAB Jan. 29, 2009). The fact that a mark may have been derived by looking to the definitions and uses of various words, or that consumers are able to determine a mark's derivation by looking at dictionary definitions, does not mean that the mark immediately conveys information about Applicant's services and hence does not meet the Office's burden. *Id.* Virtually every term in the English language is capable of dictionary definition. The precise combination of the terms EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE; however, is unique and distinctive. Plainly, the tagline does not appear in the dictionary and the term CARE is too vague and generalized to be merely descriptive. Applicant's services are not



immediately apparent to the relevant consumer without the use of some thought or imagination. The composite EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE suggests but does not describe Applicant's services.

Consumers are just as likely to interpret EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE as referring to post-trauma treatment as to pre-trauma awareness. The mark is suggestive because, without more, it is impossible for a consumer to identify the nature of the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE services. J. Thomas McCarthy, *McCARTHY ON TRADEMARKS*, Section 11:67 at 11-111 (4th ed. 2000). The Examining Attorney has provided no evidence that a consumer who encounters EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE will immediately understand that Applicant provides collaboration and public awareness services.

There is no better example of the Mark's suggestiveness than the Examining Attorney's incorrect interpretation of EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE as "care" given to "early heart attack" symptoms. In fact, the mark is used in connection with "promoting collaboration and public awareness of recognition, evaluation, and treatment of early heart attack symptoms." Thus, EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE promotes recognition of *pre-heart attack conditions* in order to *avoid* the need to care for early heart attack symptoms. The Examining Attorney's *inaccurate* interpretation of the mark confirms that the mark is not merely descriptive, much less "highly descriptive." Without more, consumers cannot know that the mark refers to promoting public interest and awareness. Indeed, the term "care" is vague and generalized, capable of several different definitions. For example, "care" might be understood to refer to "concern" or "treatment," rendering entirely different commercial connotations of the mark. *See* dictionary.com definitions submitted herewith as Exhibit C (noun - a state of mind in which one is troubled, worry, anxiety, or concern; a cause or object of worry, anxiety, concern, etc.; serious



attention; solicitude; heed; caution; protection, charge, temporary keeping; grief, suffering, sorrow; or verb - to be concerned or solicitous, have thought or regard; to be concerned or have a special preference; to be concerned or solicitous, have thought or regard; to make provision or look out).

The USPTO has registered hundreds of marks that contain the term CARE without disclaimer. *See, e.g.*, ADVANCING EXPERT CARE, U.S. Reg. No. 4833222 (promoting the interests of hospice and palliative care professionals); SXSW CARES, U.S. Reg. No. 4832723 (charitable fundraising); DERM FOR PRIMARY CARE, U.S. Reg. No. 4818976 (education services in the field of dermatology); IHEART CARES, U.S. Reg. No. 4813915 (in-home personal care services); THIS IS GENUINE EYE CARE, U.S. Reg. No. 4813724 (retail optical and optician services); FOUNDATION CARE, U.S. Reg. No. 4807735 (pharmacy services); TOUCH CARE, U.S. Reg. No. 4806810 (fitting of prosthetic devices); CARE GROWS, U.S. Reg. No. 4801266 (promoting public awareness of social responsibility, healthcare, fundraising); DCA DENTAL CARE ALLIANCE, U.S. Reg. No. 4798117 (dental practice management for others). Copies of these TESS records are submitted as Ex. D. This modest sampling of registrations establishes overwhelmingly that the USPTO registers taglines that contain the term CARE without disclaimer.

Applicant's Mark does not reflect with any particularity sufficient information about the nature of its services. The fact that a term might be itself a descriptive term does not mean that it is descriptive when included as part of a trademark. In *In re Investors Trust* (Serial No. 74/437,008 (TTAB, 1996)), the TTAB did not find that INVESTORS TRUST was merely descriptive of mutual fund services, despite common usage and dictionary definitions, because the mark "does not forthwith convey an immediate idea about the services with any



particularity." *See also In re Christian Purchasing Network*, Ser. No 74/490,066 (TTAB 2002) (CHRISTIAN PURCHASING NETWORK not merely descriptive of consumer credit card services).

Here, a consumer cannot readily perceive the nature of Applicant's services without exercising some thought or imagination or learning additional information. Moreover, the tagline EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE does not describe the intended consumers of Applicant's services. Because the connection between EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE and the nature of Applicant's services is not "almost instantaneous," the Mark is suggestive and capable of being registered.

**II. "EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE" HAS BEEN USED SUBSTANTIALLY EXCLUSIVELY IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICANT'S SERVICES FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS.**

Even if the Mark is found to be merely descriptive, Applicant's predecessor-in-interest created EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE in December 1991. The Mark has been used substantially exclusively in connection with Applicant's services since that time. Submitted herewith as Exhibit E are examples of use of the Mark in connection with Applicant's services on Applicant's website. Additional examples of use of the Mark by third parties in connection with Applicant's services are submitted as Exhibit F. EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE has a dedicated section in the Wikipedia article about Applicant. The article is submitted herewith as Exhibit G.

The Examining Attorney relies on Internet articles in support of her refusal to recognize that the Mark has acquired distinctiveness under Section 2(f). However, each and every example relied upon by the Examining Attorney in support of her refusal is in fact a reference to Applicant's mark.



An Internet search of EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE results exclusively in references to Applicant and its member healthcare facilities. See Google search results submitted herewith as Exhibit H. There is not a single natural result or paid advertisement that refers to EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE other than in connection with Applicant.

The Examining Attorney eventually comes to rely on references to Applicant's Mark by reporters in newspaper articles to demonstrate that the Mark is not used substantially exclusively in connection with Applicant's services. These articles report *exclusively* on the presentation of EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE programs or services at Applicant's accredited healthcare facilities. Again, there is nothing whatsoever in the record that even infers that any identified use of the Mark is not associated with Applicant's services. Accordingly, those references do not support mere descriptiveness of the mark. Nor do they constitute evidence of the public's understanding of the Mark. See, e.g., *In re Northland Aluminum Products, Inc.*, 777 F.2d 1556, 227 USPQ 961 (Fed. Cir. 1985) (BUNDT, a term that designates a type of cake, held generic for ring cake mix, where the examining attorney cited cookbooks and food-related news articles).

### **III. DOUBT AS TO REGISTRABILITY SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN APPLICANT'S FAVOR.**

Any doubt should be resolved in Applicant's favor. *In re Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith Inc.*, 828 F.2d 1567, 1571, 4 U.S.P.Q.2d 1141, 1144 (Fed. Cir. 1987); *In re Bel Paese Sales Co.*, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1233, 1236 (TTAB 1986); *In re Shutts*, 217 U.S.P.Q. 363, 365 (TTAB 1983). "[T]here is a thin line between a suggestive and a merely descriptive designation, and where reasonable men may differ, it is the Board's practice to resolve the doubt in the Applicant's favor and publish the mark for opposition." *In re Morton-Norwich Product, Inc.*, 209 U.S.P.Q. 791, 791 (T.T.A.B. 1981) (COLOR CARE suggestive of laundry bleach not harmful to color fabrics); *In re Intelligent Medical Systems, Inc.*, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1674, 1676 (T.T.A.B. 1987)



(INTELLIGENT MEDICAL SYSTEMS) suggestive of computerized thermometers); *In re Pennwalt Corp.*, 173 U.S.P.Q. 317, 319 (T.T.A.B. 1972) (DRI-FOOT not merely descriptive of antiperspirant deodorant for feet).

Here, where nearly 25 years of substantially exclusive use of the Mark is uncontroverted, there is nothing in the well-developed factual record below that even suggests a single use of EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE other than as a reference to Applicant's services. Applicant should at a minimum be granted a 2(F) exception.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE is not merely descriptive of Applicant's services. In the alternative, the Mark has acquired distinctiveness based on nearly 25 years of substantially exclusive use in connection with promoting public awareness and related services. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board reverse the refusal and remand the application for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Word Mark** E.H.A.C. **EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE** **EARLY RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE** **CHEST PAIN CENTER**

**Goods and Services** (CANCELLED) IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: health care services, namely, early heart attack detection and care. FIRST USE: 19911203. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19911203

**Mark Drawing Code** (3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

**Design Search Code** 02.01.02 - Men depicted as shadows or silhouettes of men; Silhouettes of men  
 07.03.06 - Art galleries; Bars, cocktail Lounge; Delicatessens; Discos; Drive-in-theaters; Galleries, art; Grocery stores; Restaurants; Service stations; Stores (building); Supermarket; Theaters  
 07.07.01 - Doors; Garage doors; Sliding doors  
 26.01.17 - Circles, two concentric; Concentric circles, two; Two concentric circles

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**Registration Number** 2092920

**Registration Date** September 2, 1997

**Owner** (REGISTRANT) St. Agnes Hospital CORPORATION MARYLAND 900 Caton Avenue Baltimore MARYLAND 21229

**Disclaimer** NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE", "EARLY RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE" and "CHEST PAIN CENTER" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN

**Type of Mark** SERVICE MARK

**Register** PRINCIPAL

**Affidavit Text** SECT 8 (6-YR).

**Live/Dead Indicator** DEAD

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DECLARATION OF WIL MICK

I, Wil Mick, hereby declare and state:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care ("SCPC"), an international nonprofit organization that provides awareness, education, and accreditation services in the field of eliminating heart disease as the leading cause of death worldwide. In my capacity as Chief Executive Officer, I am authorized to make the following statements on SCPC's behalf.

2. SCPC operates EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE, a program created in 1991 and continuously operated since that time. Participation in EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE by SCPC member hospitals provides staff and patient education and awareness of the importance of recognizing symptoms of heart disease. At this time, there are approximately 1,100 accredited hospitals in which we require EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE training for employees and their respective communities. A list of the accredited facilities is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

3. The advertisement and promotion of EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE by accredited facilities demonstrates that health care providers and patients associate the mark with SCPC. See Exhibit B website printouts attached hereto and made a part hereof. To the best of my knowledge, unsolicited third party references to EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE refer to SCPC's services.

4. The services provided in connection with the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE mark are used by physicians, nurses, other professionals in the health care field, patients, and caregivers.

5. SCPC offers an annual Congress in connection with its accreditation, education, and awareness services. It is the premier education forum in the United States for cardiovascular healthcare professionals. SCPC has been offering this Congress since 1997.

6. The SCPC Congress is attended by approximately 400-500 medical professionals.

7. Two educational offerings at the 2015 Congress are directed at EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE: Scared Healthy: Life Cycle of the ACS Patient, and Panel Discussion EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE Strategies and Successes. Congress.





8. Promotional material for EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE are widely available on the Internet and is mailed directly to approximately 1,500 prospective Congress attendees annually.

9. The EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE mark is not used by any other entity or organization in connection with providing services. Each and every reference to EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE on the attached Internet search results is related to SCPC.

10. Large sums of money have been expended since the early 1990's to advertise and promote the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE services.

11. EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE was also a featured article in Readers Digest, which greatly expanded its list of informed individuals.

11. By virtue of the extensive and substantially exclusive use of the EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE mark, the mark is widely recognized by the relevant consumers as associated with SCPC's services.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care

By:

  
Wil Mick, Chief Executive Officer



Account Name	Street 1	City	State/Province
Abilene Regional Medical	6250 US Highway	Abilene	TX
Abington Memorial Hospital	1200 Old York Rd	Abington	PA
Adena Regional Medical Center	272 Hospital Road	Chillicothe	OH
Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital	500 Remington Blvd	Bolingbrook	IL
Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital	701 Winthrop Ave	Glendale Heights	IL
Adventist Hinsdale Hospital	120 North Oak St	Hinsdale	IL
Adventist La Grange Memorial	5101 South Willow	La Grange	IL
Adventist Medical Center	10123 SE Market	Portland	OR
Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	1304 Franklin Ave	Normal	IL
Advocate Condell Medical Center	801 S. Milwaukee	Libertyville	IL
Advocate Good Samaritan	3815 Highland Ave	Downers Grove	IL
Advocate Good Shepherd	450 West Highway	Barrington	IL
Advocate Sherman Hospital	1425 N. Randall	Elgin	IL
Affinity Medical Center-Mc	875 Eighth Street	Massillon	OH
Akron General Medical Center	400 Wabash Ave	Akron	OH
Allen Hospital	1825 Logan Avenue	Waterloo	IA
Anderson Hospital	6800 State Route	Maryville	IL
AnMed Health	800 N Fant Street	Anderson	SC
Anne Arundel Medical Center	2001 Medical Park	Annapolis	MD
Appleton Medical Center	1818 North Mead	Appleton	WI
Arizona Regional Medical Center	515 N Mesa Drive	Mesa	AZ
Arkansas Heart Hospital	1701 South Shackle	Little Rock	AR
Arrowhead Hospital	18701 N. 67th Ave	Glendale	AZ
Ashley River Tower-Medical	169 Ashley Avenue	Charleston	SC
Ashtabula County Medical Center	2420 Lake Avenue	Ashtabula	OH
Aspirus Wausau Hospital	333 Pine Ridge Blvd	Wausau	WI
Athens Regional Medical Center	1199 Prince Avenue	Athens	GA
Augusta Health	78 Medical Center	Fishersville	VA
Aultman Hospital	2600 Sixth Street	Canton	OH
Aurora BayCare Medical Center	2845 Greenbrier	Green Bay	WI
Aurora Medical Center in	36500 Aurora Drive	Summit	WI
Aurora St. Luke's Medical	2900 W. Oklahoma	Milwaukee	WI
Aventura Hospital and Medical	20900 Biscayne	Aventura	FL
Avera Heart Hospital of South	4500 W 69th Street	Sioux Falls	SD
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	3001 Sillect Ave	Bakersfield	CA
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	420 34th Street	Bakersfield	CA
Banner Baywood Medical Center	6644 E. Baywood	Mesa	AZ
Banner Boswell Medical Center	10401 W. Thunder	Sun City	AZ
Banner Desert Medical Center	1400 S. Dobson	Mesa	AZ
Baptist Beaumont Hospital	3080 College Street	Beaumont	TX
Baptist Health Lexington	1740 Nicholasville	Lexington	KY
Baptist Health Louisville	4000 Kresge Way	Louisville	KY
Baptist Health Paducah	2501 Kentucky Avenue	Paducah	KY
Baptist Health Richmond	801 Eastern Bypass	Richmond	KY
Baptist Hospital of Miami	8900 N Kendall	D Miami	FL
Baptist Medical Center	111 Dallas Street	San Antonio	TX
Baptist Medical Center	1225 North State	Jackson	MS
Baptist Medical Center Bear	1350 13th Avenue	Jacksonville Beach	FL
Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville	800 Prudential Drive	Jacksonville	FL
Baptist Medical Center Na	1250 South 18th	Fernandina Beach	FL
Baptist Medical Center South	14550 Old St. Augustine	Jacksonville	FL



Baptist Memorial Hospital- 6019 Walnut Gro	Memphis	TN
Barnes-Jewish St. Peters	10 Hospital Drive St. Peters	MO
Bayfront Health Brooksville	17240 Cortez Bo	Brooksville
Bayfront Health Dade City	13100 Fort King F	Dade City
Bayfront Health Punta G	809 E. Marion Av	Punta Gorda
Bayfront Health St. Peters	701 Sixth Street S	St Petersburg
Baylor All Saints Medical C	1400 Eighth Aver	Fort Worth
Baylor Jack and Jane Harr	621 North Hall St	Dallas
Baylor Medical Center at C	4343 N. Josey La	Carrollton
Baylor Medical Center at C	2300 Marie Curie	Garland
Baylor Medical Center at Ir	1901 N. MacArthi	Irving
Baylor Medical Center at N	5252 W. Universi	McKinney
Baylor Medical Center at V	1405 West Jeffer	Waxahachie
Baylor Regional Medical C	1650 West Colleg	Grapevine
Baylor Regional Medical C	4700 Alliance Blv	Plano
Baylor Scott & White Hillcr	100 Hillcrest Med	Waco
Baylor Scott and White He	300 University Bo	Round Rock
Baylor University Medical C	3500 Gaston Ave	Dallas
Bayshore Community Hos	727 N. Beers St	Holmdel
Bayshore Medical Center	4000 Spencer Hig	Pasadena
Beaumont Hospital, Troy	44201 Dequindre	Troy
Bethesda Hospital East	2815 South Seac	Boynton Beach
Billings Clinic	2800 10th Avenu	Billings
Blake Medical Center	2020 59th Street	Bradenton
Blanchard Valley Hospital	1900 South Main	Findlay
Blessing Hospital	1005 Broadway	Quincy
Bluffton Regional Medical	303 South Main	Bluffton
Bon Secours Depaul Medi	150 Kingsley Lan	Norfolk
Bon Secours Health Cente	5818 Harbour Vie	Suffolk
Bon Secours Maryview Me	3636 High Street	Portsmouth
Bon Secours Memorial Re	8260 Atlee Road	Mechanicsville
Bon Secours St. Francis M	13710 St. Francis	Midlothian
Bon Secours St. Mary's Hc	5801 Bremo Roa	Richmond
Borgess Medical Center	1521 Gull Road	Kalamazoo
Bourbon Community Hosp	9 Linville Dr.	Paris
Brandon Regional Hospita	119 Oakfield Driv	Brandon
Brigham City Community	1950 South Medic	Brigham City
Bronson Methodist Hospit	601 John Street	Kalamazoo
Bryn Mawr Hospital	130 South Bryn M	Bryn Mawr
BSA Health System	1600 Wallace Blv	Amarillo
Butterworth Hospital	100 Michigan Str	Grand Rapids
Cape Coral Hospital	636 Del Prado Bl	Cape Coral
Cape Fear Valley Medical	1638 Owen Drive	Fayetteville
Cape Regional Medical Ce	2 Stone Harbor B	Cape May Court I
Capital Health Medical Ce	One Capital Way	Pennington
Capital Region Medical Ce	1125 Madison St	Jefferson City
Capital Regional Medical C	2626 Capital Med	Tallahassee
Carilion Roanoke Memor	1906 Belleview A	Roanoke
Carle Foundation Hospital	611 W. Park Stre	Urbana
Carlsbad Medical Center	2430 W Pierce St	Carlsbad
Carolina Pines Regional M	1304 W. Bobo Ne	Hartsville
Carolinas Hospital System	805 Pamplico Hig	Florence



Carolinas Medical Center	1000 Blythe Boul	Charlotte	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	433 McAlister Ro	Lincolnton	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	920 Church Stree	Concord	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	2001 Vail Avenue	Charlotte	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	10628 Park Road	Charlotte	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	600 Hospital Driv	Monroe	NC
Carolinas Medical Center	8800 North Tryon	Charlotte	NC
CaroMont Regional Medic	2525 Court Drive	Gastonia	NC
Carondelet St. Joseph's H	350 N. Wilmot Rc	Tucson	AZ
Carondelet St. Mary's Hos	1601 W. St. Mary	Tucson	AZ
Cartersville Medical Cente	960 Joe Frank H	Cartersville	GA
Catawba Valley Medical C	810 Fairgrove Ch	Hickory	NC
Cayuga Medical Center at	101 Dates Drive	Ithaca	NY
Centegra Hospital-McHen	4201 Medical Ce	McHenry	IL
Centegra Hospital-Woodst	3701 Doty Road	Woodstock	IL
Centennial Hills Hospital	6900 North Durar	Las Vegas	NV
Centennial Medical Center	12505 Lebanon F	Frisco	TX
Centerpoint Medical Cente	19600 East 39th	Independence	MO
Centra Lynchburg General	1901 Tate Spring	Lynchburg	VA
Central DuPage Hospital	25 North Winfield	Winfield	IL
Central Texas Medical Ce	1301 Wonder Wc	San Marcos	TX
CentraState Medical Cent	901 West Main S	Freehold	NJ
Chandler Regional Medica	1955 W. Frye Rd.	Chandler	AZ
Chesapeake Regional Mer	736 Battlefield B	Chesapeake	VA
Chestnut Hill Hospital	8835 Germantow	Philadelphia	PA
CHI Health Bergan Mercy	7500 Mercy Roac	Omaha	NE
CHI Health Mercy Council	800 Mercy Drive	Council Bluffs	IA
CHI Health Midlands	11111 South 84th	Papillion	NE
Chippenham Hospital	7101 Jahnke Ro	Richmond	VA
CHRISTUS St. Catherine	1701 S Fry Rd	Katy	TX
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa H	600 North Union	New Braunfels	TX
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa H	2827 Babcock Rc	San Antonio	TX
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa H	11212 State High	San Antonio	TX
CHRISTUS Spohn Hospit	600 Elizabeth Str	Corpus Christi	TX
Citizens Medical Center	2701 Hospital Dri	Victoria	TX
Citrus Memorial Hospital	502 W. Highland	Inverness	FL
Clark Memorial Hospital	1220 Missouri Av	Jeffersonville	IN
Clear Lake Regional Medi	500 Medical Cent	Webster	TX
Cleveland Regional Medic	201 E. Grover Str	Shelby	NC
Clinch Valley Medical Cen	6801 Governor G	Richlands	VA
Coliseum Medical Centers	350 Hospital Driv	Macon	GA
College Station Medical C	1604 Rock Prairie	College Station	TX
Columbia St. Mary's Hospi	2301 N. Lake Dri	Milwaukee	WI
Columbia St. Mary's Hospi	13111 N. Port W	Mequon	WI
Columbus Regional Hospi	2400 East 17th S	Columbus	IN
Community First Medical C	5645 West Addis	Chicago	IL
Community Heart and Vas	8075 North Shad	Indianapolis	IN
Community Hospital	901 MacArthur B	Munster	IN
Community Hospital East	1500 North Ritter	Indianapolis	IN
Community Hospital South	1402 East County	Indianapolis	IN
Community Howard Regio	3500 South Lafo	Kokomo	IN
Conroe Regional Medical	504 Medical Cent	Conroe	TX



Cookeville Regional Medical Center	1 Medical Center	Cookeville	TN
Corpus Christi Medical Center	7101 South Padre Island	Corpus Christi	TX
Corpus Christi Medical Center	3315 South Alamo	Corpus Christi	TX
Covenant Medical Center	3615 19th Street	Lubbock	TX
Creighton University Medical Center	601 N. 30th Street	Omaha	NE
Crestwood Medical Center	One Hospital Drive	Huntsville	AL
Crittendon Hospital	1101 W. University	Rochester	MI
Crouse Hospital	736 Irving Avenue	Syracuse	NY
Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center	10655 Steepletop	Houston	TX
Dallas Regional Medical Center	1011 North Gallop	Mesquite	TX
Danbury Hospital	24 Hospital Avenue	Danbury	CT
Danville Regional Medical Center	142 South Main Street	Danville	VA
Davis Regional Medical Center	218 Old Mocksville	Statesville	NC
Deaconess Hospital	5501 North Portland	Oklahoma City	OK
Deaconess Hospital	800 West Fifth Avenue	Spokane	WA
DeKalb Memorial Hospital	1316 East Seventh	Auburn	IN
DeKalb Regional Medical Center	200 Medical Center	Fort Payne	AL
Del Sol Medical Center	10301 Gateway	El Paso	TX
Denton Regional Medical Center	3535 South Interstate	Denton	TX
Desert Springs Hospital	2075 E. Flamingo	Las Vegas	NV
DeTar Hospital	506 E. San Antonio	Victoria	TX
Dignity Health-St. Rose	3001 St. Rose Parkway	Henderson	NV
Doctors Hospital	5100 West Broad	Columbus	OH
Doctors Hospital at Renaissance	5501 S. McColl Road	Edinburg	TX
Doctors Hospital at White	9440 Poppy Drive	Dallas	TX
Doctors Hospital of Augusta	3651 Wheeler Road	Augusta	GA
Doctors Hospital of Sarasota	5731 Bee Ridge Road	Sarasota	FL
Doctors Medical Center of	1441 Florida Avenue	Modesto	CA
Dominican Hospital	1555 Soquel Drive	Santa Cruz	CA
Doylestown Hospital	595 West State Street	Doylestown	PA
Dr. P. Phillips Hospital	9400 Turkey Lake	Orlando	FL
Dukes Memorial Hospital	275 W. 12th Street	Peru	IN
Dupont Hospital	2520 E. Dupont	Fort Wayne	IN
Dyersburg Regional Medical Center	400 Tickle Street	Dyersburg	TN
East Houston Regional Medical Center	13111 East Freeway	Houston	TX
East Jefferson General Hospital	4200 Houma Boulevard	Metairie	LA
East Texas Medical Center	1000 South Beck	Tyler	TX
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center	3100 Channing	Idaho Falls	ID
Eastern New Mexico Medical Center	405 W. Country Club	Roswell	NM
Easton Hospital	250 South 21st Street	Easton	PA
Eastside Medical Center	1700 Medical Way	Snellville	GA
Edinburg Regional Medical Center	1102 W. Trenton	Edinburg	TX
Edward White Hospital	2323 9th Avenue	St. Petersburg	FL
Eisenhower Medical Center	39000 Bob Hope	Rancho Mirage	CA
El Camino Hospital	2500 Grant Road	Mountain View	CA
Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital	205 Marengo Street	Florence	AL
Elkhart General Hospital	600 East Boulevard	Elkhart	IN
Emanuel Medical Center	825 Delbon Avenue	Turlock	CA
Emory Johns Creek Hospital	6325 Hospital Parkway	Johns Creek	GA
Emory University Hospital	1364 Clifton Road	Atlanta	GA
Emory University Hospital	550 Peachtree Street	Atlanta	GA
Englewood Community Hospital	700 Medical Blvd.	Englewood	FL



Ephraim McDowell Region	217 S. 3rd Street Danville	KY
Erlanger Medical Center	975 East Third St Chattanooga	TN
Evanston Regional Hospital	190 Arrowhead Dr Evanston	WY
Fairfield Medical Center	401 North Ewing Lancaster	OH
Fairview Hospital	18101 Lorain Ave Cleveland	OH
Fairview Park Hospital	200 Industrial Blv Dublin	GA
Fauquier Hospital	500 Hospital Driv Warrenton	VA
Fawcett Memorial Hospital	21298 Olean Bou Port Charlotte	FL
Firelands Regional Medical	1111 Hayes Ave Sandusky	OH
Fisher-Titus Medical Center	272 Benedict Ave Norwalk	OH
Flaget Memorial Hospital	4305 New Sheph Bardstown	KY
Flagler Hospital	400 Health Park I St. Augustine	FL
Florida Hospital Deland	701 West Plymot Deland	FL
Florida Hospital Heartland	4200 Sun 'n Lake Sebring	FL
Florida Hospital Memorial	301 Memorial Me Daytona Beach	FL
Florida Hospital North Pine	1395 South Pinell Tarpon Springs	FL
Florida Hospital Tampa	3100 E. Fletcher , Tampa	FL
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills	7050 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills	FL
Florida Medical Center a C	5000 W. Oakland Ft. Lauderdale	FL
Flowers Hospital	4370 W. Main Str Dothan	AL
Forbes Hospital	2570 Haymaker F Monroeville	PA
Fort Walton Beach Medical	1000 Mar-Walt D Fort Walton Beach	FL
Fountain Valley Regional H	17100 Euclid Stre Fountain Valley	CA
Franciscan St. Anthony He	301 West Homer Michigan City	IN
Franciscan St. Anthony He	1201 S Main Stre Crown Point	IN
Franciscan St. Elizabeth H	1701 South Crea Lafayette	IN
Franciscan St. Francis He	8111 South Emer Indianapolis	IN
Franciscan St. James Hea	1423 Chicago Ro Chicago Heights	IL
Franciscan St. James Hea	20201 South Cra Olympia Fields	IL
Franciscan St. Margaret H	24 Joliet Street (L Dyer	IN
Franciscan St. Margaret H	5454 Hohman Av Hammond	IN
Frederick Memorial Hospit	400 West Sevent Frederick	MD
Frye Regional Medical Ce	420 North Center Hickory	NC
Gadsden Regional Medical	1007 Goodyear A Gadsden	AL
Galesburg Cottage Hospit	695 North Kellogg Galesburg	IL
Galichia Heart Hospital	2610 N. Woodlaw Wichita	KS
Gateway Medical Center	651 Dunlop Lane Clarksville	TN
Geisinger Medical Center	100 North Acade Danville	PA
Geisinger Wyoming Valley	1000 E. Mountain Wilkes-Barre	PA
Geisinger-Community Mec	1800 Mulberry St Scranton	PA
Genesis - Good Samaritan	800 Forest Ave. Zanesville	OH
Georgetown Community H	1140 Lexington R Georgetown	KY
Georgetown Memorial Hos	606 Black River F Georgetown	SC
Georgia Regents Medical	1120 15th Street Augusta	GA
Glendale Adventist Medical	1509 Wilson Terr Glendale	CA
Glendale Memorial Hospit	1420 S. Central A Glendale	CA
Glenwood Regional Medic	503 McMillan Ro West Monroe	LA
Good Samaritan Hospital	2425 Samaritan I San Jose	CA
Good Samaritan Hospital	10 East 31st Stre Kearney	NE
Good Samaritan Medical C	200 Exempla Circ Lafayette	CO
Good Samaritan Medical C	1309 North Flagle West Palm Beach	FL
Good Shepherd Medical C	700 East Marshal Longview	TX



Grady Memorial Hospital	561 W. Central A Delaware	OH
Grand Strand Regional Me	809 82nd Parkwa Myrtle Beach	SC
Grant Medical Center	111 South Grant . Columbus	OH
Greenbrier Valley Medical	202 Maplewood / Ronceverte	WV
Greene Memorial Hospital	1141 North Monr Xenia	OH
Greenville Memorial Hospi	701 Grove Road Greenville	SC
Guangzhou General Hosp No.	111, Liuhua F Guangzhou City	Guangdong
Gulf Coast Medical Center	13681 Doctors W Fort Myers	FL
Gulf Coast Regional Medic	449 W. 23rd Stre Panama City	FL
Gwinnett Medical Center-L	1000 Medical Cer Lawrenceville	GA
Hackensack University Me	30 Prospect Aver Hackensack	NJ
Hamilton Medical Center	1200 Memorial D Dalton	GA
Hancock Regional Hospita	801 N State Stree Greenfield	IN
Hanover Hospital	300 Highland Ave Hanover	PA
Hardin Medical Center	935 Wayne Road Savannah	TN
Harrisburg Hospital	111 South Front S Harrisburg	PA
Hartford Hospital	80 Seymour Stre Hartford	CT
Harton Regional Medical C	1801 North Jacks Tullahoma	TN
Hays Medical Center	2220 Canterbury Hays	KS
Hazard ARH Regional Mer	100 Medical Cent Hazard	KY
Hazleton General Hospital	700 E. Broad Stre Hazleton	PA
Health Central Hospital	10000 West Colo Ocoee	FL
HealthPark Medical Cente	9981 S. HealthPa Fort Myers	FL
Heart Hospital of Austin	3801 North Lama Austin	TX
Heart of Florida Regional	140100 Highway 2 Davenport	FL
Heartland Regional Medic	3333 West DeYo Marion	IL
Heartland Regional Medic	5325 Faraon Stre St. Joseph	MO
Hendrick Medical Center	1900 Pine Street Abilene	TX
Henrico Doctors' Hospital	1602 Skipwith Ro Richmond	VA
Henrico Doctors' Hospital	17700 E Parham F Richmond	VA
Henry County Hospital	1000 North 16th S New Castle	IN
Henry Ford Macomb Hosp	15855 19 Mile Rc Clinton Township	MI
Henry Ford Wyandotte Ho	2333 Biddle Ave Wyandotte	MI
Herrin Hospital	201 South 14th S Herrin	IL
High Point Regional Healt	601 North Elm St High Point	NC
Highlands Regional Medic	5000 Ky. Rt. 321 Prestonsburg	KY
Hillcrest Hospital	6780 Mayfield Ro Mayfield Hts	OH
Hillcrest Hospital South	8801 South 101st Tulsa	OK
Homestead Hospital	975 Baptist Way Homestead	FL
Houston Methodist Hospit	6565 Fannin Stre Houston	TX
Houston Methodist San Ja	4401 Garth Road Baytown	TX
Houston Methodist St. Joh	18300 Saint John Nassau Bay	TX
Houston Methodist Sugar	16655 Southwest Sugar Land	TX
Houston Methodist West F	18500 Katy Fwy Houston	TX
Houston Methodist Willow	18220 State High Houston	TX
Houston Northwest Medic	710 Cypress Crec Houston	TX
Immanuel Medical Center	6901 N. 72nd Str Omaha	NE
Indiana University Health	5165 McCarty Ln Lafayette	IN
Indiana University Health	2401 University A Muncie	IN
Indiana University Health	2900 16th St. Bedford	IN
Indiana University Health	601 W 2nd Street Bloomington	IN
Indiana University Health	1701 North Sena Indianapolis	IN



Indiana University Health	11700 North Meri Carmel	IN
Indiana University Health	13000 East 136th Fishers	IN
Indiana University Health	11000 S MAIN ST. Tipton	IN
Indiana University Health	1111 North Rona Avon	IN
Indiana University Health	1720 South 6th Str Monticello	IN
INTEGRIS Bass Baptist H	600 South Monro Enid	OK
Iowa Lutheran Hospital	700 East Univers Des Moines	IA
Iowa Methodist Medical C	1200 Pleasant St Des Moines	IA
Iredell Memorial Hospital	557 Brookdale Dr Statesville	NC
Jackson Purchase Medica	1099 Medical Cer Mayfield	KY
Jackson-Madison County	1620 Skyline Drive Jackson	TN
Jefferson Regional Medica	565 Coal Valley F Jefferson Hills	PA
Jersey Shore University M	1945 Route 33 Neptune	NJ
Jewish Hospital	200 Abraham Fle Louisville	KY
JFK Medical Center	5301 South Cong Atlantis	FL
John C. Lincoln Deer Valle	19829 N. 27th Av Phoenix	AZ
John C. Lincoln North Mol	250 E. Dunlap Av Phoenix	AZ
John Muir Medical Center,	2540 East Street Concord	CA
John Muir Medical Center,	1601 Ygnacio Val Walnut Creek	CA
John Randolph Medical C	411 W. Randolph Hopewell	VA
Johnston Medical Center -	2138 NC Hwy 42 Clayton	NC
Johnston Medical Center -	509 N. Bright Lea Smithfield	NC
Johnston-Willis Hospital	1401 Johnston-W Richmond	VA
Kadlec Regional Medical C	888 Swift Blvd Richland	WA
Kendall Regional Medical	11750 SW 40th S Miami	FL
Kennewick General Hospit	900 S Auburn Kennewick	WA
King Faisal Specialist Hosj	P.O. Box 3354 RIYADH	Riyadh
King's Daughters Medical	2201 Lexington A Ashland	KY
Kings Mountain Hospital	706 West Kings S Kings Mountain	NC
Kosciusko Community Ho	2101 East DuBois Warsaw	IN
Lake Cumberland Region	305 Langdon Str Somerset	KY
Lake Granbury Medical C	1310 Paluxy Roa Granbury	TX
Lake Norman Regional Me	171 Fairview Roa Mooresville	NC
Lakeland Community Hosj	31 N. St. Joseph Niles	MI
Lakeland Regional Medica	1324 Lakeland Hi Lakeland	FL
Lakeland Regional Medica	1234 Napier Aver St. Joseph	MI
Lakeside Hospital	16901 Lakeside I Omaha	NE
Lakeview Hospital	630 East Medical Bountiful	UT
Lakewood Ranch Medical	8330 Lakewood F Bradenton	FL
Lane Regional Medical Ce	6300 Main St. Zachary	LA
Lankenau Medical Center	100 Lancaster Av Wynnewood	PA
Laredo Medical Center	1700 E. Saunders Laredo	TX
Largo Medical Center	201 14th Street S Largo	FL
Las Colinas Medical Cent	6800 North MacA Irving	TX
Las Palmas Medical Cent	1801 N. Oregon S El Paso	TX
Lawrence Memorial Hospi	325 Maine Street Lawrence	KS
Lea Regional Medical Cen	5419 North Lovin Hobbs	NM
Lee Memorial Hospital	2776 Cleveland A Fort Myers	FL
Lee's Summit Medical Cer	2100 SE Blue Pal Lee's Summit	MO
Lehigh Valley Hospital	17th 17th and Chew S Allentown	PA
Lehigh Valley Hospital C	cedar Crest & I-7 Allentown	PA
Lehigh Valley Hospital Mul	Schoenersville R Bethlehem	PA



LewisGale Hospital Allegh: 1 ARH Lane	Low Moor	VA
LewisGale Hospital Montg: 3700 South Main	Blacksburg	VA
LewisGale Hospital Pulask: 2400 Lee Highwa	Pulaski	VA
LewisGale Medical Center	1900 Electric Roæ Salem	VA
Lexington Medical Center	2720 Sunset Blvd West Columbia	SC
Licking Memorial Hospital	1320 West Main : Newark	OH
Lima Memorial Health Sys	1001 Bellefontain Lima	OH
Lincoln Medical Center	106 Medical Cent Fayetteville	TN
Littleton Adventist Hospital	7700 S. Broadwa Littleton	CO
Logan Memorial Hospital	1625 Nashville St Russellville	KY
Logan Regional Medical C	20 Hospital Drive Logan	WV
Lone Peak Hospital	11800 South Stat Draper	UT
Longview Regional Medicæ	2901 N. Fourth S Longview	TX
Los Robles Hospital & Mer	215 West Janss I Thousand Oaks	CA
Lourdes Hospital	1530 Lone Oak R Paducah	KY
Lutheran Hospital	7950 W. Jefferso Fort Wayne	IN
Lutheran Medical Center	8300 West 38th / Wheat Ridge	CO
MacNeal Hospital	3249 Oak Park A Berwyn	IL
Magnolia Regional Health	611 Alcorn Drive Corinth	MS
Manatee Memorial Hospitæ	206 Second St Eæ Bradenton	FL
Marin General Hospital	250 Bon Air Roac Greenbrae	CA
Marion General Hospital	1000 McKinley Pæ Marion	OH
Marion General Hospital	441 N. Wabash A Marion	IN
Mary Black Health System	1700 Skylyn Drive Spartanburg	SC
Mary Rutan Hospital	205 E Palmer Ro. Bellefontaine	OH
Maryvale Hospital	5102 West Camp Phoenix	AZ
Mat-Su Regional Medical C	2500 South Woor Palmer	AK
Maury Regional Medical C	1224 Trotwood A Columbia	TN
Mayo Clinic in Florida	4500 San Pablo F Jacksonville	FL
McAllen Heart Hospital	1900 South D Str McAllen	TX
McAllen Medical Center	301 W. Expressw McAllen	TX
McKenzie-Willamette Med	1460 G Street Springfield	OR
McLaren Macomb Medical	1000 Harrington I Mount Clemens	MI
McLaren Oakland Medical	50 North Perry St Pontiac	MI
McLeod Regional Medical	555 East Cheves Florence	SC
Meadowview Regional Me	989 Medical Park Maysville	KY
Medical Center of Lewisvil	500 West Main S Lewisville	TX
Medical Center of McKinnæ	4500 Medical Cer McKinney	TX
Medical Center of South A	700 West Grove : El Dorado	AR
Medical Center of the Rocl	2500 Rocky Mour Loveland	CO
Medical Center of Trinity	9330 State Road Trinity	FL
Medical City Dallas Hospitæ	7777 Forest Lane Dallas	TX
Medical West Hospital	995 9th Ave SW Bessemer	AL
MedStar Montgomery Mec	18101 Prince Phil Olney	MD
Memorial Health System o	1201 W. Frank A Lufkin	TX
Memorial Health University	4700 Waters Ave Savannah	GA
Memorial Hermann Heart	6411 Fannin Stre Houston	TX
Memorial Hermann Katy H	23900 Katy Freev Katy	TX
Memorial Hermann Memo	921 Gessner Roæ Houston	TX
Memorial Hermann Northe	18951 Memorial I Humble	TX
Memorial Hermann Northv	1635 North Loop Houston	TX
Memorial Hermann Southæ	11800 Astoria Blv Houston	TX



Memorial Hermann The W	9250 Pinecroft	The Woodlands	TX
Memorial Hospital	2525 de Sales Av	Chattanooga	TN
Memorial Hospital	3625 University B	Jacksonville	FL
Memorial Hospital	4500 Memorial D	Belleville	IL
Memorial Hospital Hixson	2051 Hamill Roac	Hixson	TN
Memorial Hospital of Carb	405 West Jackso	Carbondale	IL
Memorial Hospital of Marti	320 Hospital Driv	Martinsville	VA
Memorial Hospital, Univer	1400 East Boulde	Colorado Springs	CO
Memorial Medical Center	2450 South Telsh	Las Cruces	NM
Memorial Medical Center	1700 Coffee Roa	Modesto	CA
Menorah Medical Center	5721 W. 119th St	Overland Park	KS
Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital	1500 Lansdowne	Darby	PA
Mercy General Hospital	4001 J Street	Sacramento	CA
Mercy Gilbert Medical Cen	3555 S. Val Vista	Gilbert	AZ
Mercy Hospital	4050 Coon Rapid	Coon Rapids	MN
Mercy Hospital and Medic	2525 S Michigan	Chicago	IL
Mercy Hospital and Traum	1000 Mineral Poir	Janesville	WI
Mercy Hospital Iowa City	500 East Market	Iowa City	IA
Mercy Hospital Northwest	2710 Rife Medica	Rogers	AR
Mercy Hospital Washingto	901 East 5th Stre	Washington	MO
Mercy Medical Center	701 10th Street, S	Cedar Rapids	IA
Mercy Medical Center	1320 Mercy Drive	Canton	OH
Mercy Medical Center	500 S. Oakwood	Oshkosh	WI
Mercy Medical Center-Des	1111 6th Avenue	Des Moines	IA
Mercy St. Anne Hospital	3404 W. Sylvania	Toledo	OH
Mercy St. Charles Hospita	2600 Navarre Av	Oregon	OH
Mercy Tiffin Hospital	45 Saint Lawrenc	Tiffin	OH
Mercy Walworth Hospital	2 North 2950 State	Lake Geneva	WI
Mercy Willard Hospital	1100 Neal Zick R	Willard	OH
Meriter Hospital	202 South Park S	Madison	WI
Methodist Hospital	7700 Floyd Curl E	San Antonio	TX
Methodist Hospital	8303 Dodge St.	Omaha	NE
Methodist Hospitals North	600 Grant Street	Gary	IN
Methodist Hospitals South	8701 Broadway	Merrillville	IN
Methodist Jennie Edmund	933 East Pierce S	Council Bluffs	IA
Methodist Le Bonheur Ger	7691 Poplar Ave	Germantown	TN
Methodist Mansfield Medic	2700 E Broad Str	Mansfield	TX
Methodist North Hospital	3960 New Covinc	Memphis	TN
Methodist Richardson Mec	2831 East Presid	Richardson	TX
Methodist South Hospital	1300 Wesley Dr	Memphis	TN
Methodist Stone Oak Hos	1139 E. Sonterra	San Antonio	TX
Methodist Univeristy Hosp	1265 Union Aven	Memphis	TN
Methodist West Hospital	1660 60th Street	West Des Moines	IA
Metro Health Hospital	5900 Byron Cent	Wyoming	MI
Metropolitan Methodist Ho	1310 McCullough	San Antonio	TX
Mimbres Memorial Hospit	900 W. Ash Stree	Deming	NM
Minden Medical Center	1 Medical Plaza	Minden	LA
Ministry Saint Clare's Hos	3400 Ministry Par	Weston	WI
Mission Hospital-Memorial	509 Biltmore Ave	Asheville	NC
Mission Trail Baptist Hos	3333 Research P	San Antonio	TX
Monongalia General Hosp	1200 J.D. Anders	Morgantown	WV
Mother Frances Hospital-T	800 E. Dawson	Tyler	TX



Mount Carmel St Ann's Hc	500 S Cleveland , Westerville	OH
Mount Sinai Hospital	1500 S. California	IL
Mount Sinai Medical Center	4300 Alton Road	FL
Mount St. Mary's Hospital	5300 Military Road	NY
Mountain View Hospital	1000 East 100 N	UT
Mountain West Medical Center	2055 North Main	UT
MountainView Hospital	3100 N. Tenaya	NV
MultiCare Good Samaritan	401 15th Avenue	WA
MultiCare Tacoma General	315 Martin Luther	WA
Munroe Regional Medical	1500 S.W. 1st Ave	FL
Nacogdoches Memorial H	1204 Mound Street	TX
Naval Medical Center	Port 620 John Paul Jones	VA
Navarro Regional Hospital	3201 W Highway	TX
NCH Downtown Naples H	350 7th St. North	FL
NEA Baptist Memorial Hos	4800 E. Johnson	AR
North Central Baptist Hos	520 Madison Oak	TX
North Florida Regional Me	6500 Newberry Road	FL
North Hills Hospital	4401 Booth Calle	TX
North Kansas City Hospita	2800 Clay Edward	MO
North Okaloosa Medical C	151 East Redstone	FL
North Suburban Medical C	9191 Grant Street	CO
NorthBay Medical Center	1200 B Gale Wills	CA
Northeast Baptist Hospital	8811 Village Drive	TX
Northeast Methodist Hospi	12412 Judson Road	TX
Northeast Regional Medical	315 South Osteo	MO
Northern Nevada Medical	2375 E. Prater	NV
Northside Hospital & Tam	6000 49th Street	FL
Northside Hospital-Atlanta	1000 Johnson Fe	GA
Northside Hospital-Chero	201 Hospital Road	GA
Northside Hospital-Forsyth	1200 Northside F	GA
Northwest Hospital	5401 Old Court Road	MD
Northwest Medical Center	2801 North State	FL
Northwest Medical Center	6200 North La C	AZ
Northwest Medical Center	3000 Medical Center	AR
Northwest Medical Center	609 West Maple	AR
Northwest Texas Healthca	1501 S. Coulter	TX
Northwestern Lake Forest	660 North West	IL
Norton Audubon Hospital	1 Audubon Plaza	KY
Norton Brownsboro Hospit	4960 Norton Hea	KY
Norton Hospital	200 E. Chestnut	KY
Norwalk Hospital	34 Maple Street	CT
Novant Health Forsyth Me	3333 Silas Creek	NC
Novant Health Huntersville	10030 Gilead Road	NC
Novant Health Matthews M	1500 Matthews T	NC
Novant Health Presbyterian	200 Hawthorne L	NC
Novant Health Rowan Mec	612 Mocksville A	NC
Novant Health Thomasville	207 Old Lexington	NC
Oak Hill Hospital	11375 Cortez Bo	FL
Ocala Regional Medical C	1431 SW 1st Ave	FL
Ocean Medical Center	425 Jack Martin E	NJ
Ogden Regional Medical C	5475 South 500 E	UT
Olathe Medical Center	20333 W. 151st	KS



Olean General Hospital	515 Main Street	Olean	NY
Orange Park Medical Center	2001 Kingsley Av	Orange Park	FL
Oregon Health & Science	3181 S.W. Sam J	Portland	OR
Orlando Regional Medical	1414 Kuhl Avenue	Orlando	FL
Oro Valley Hospital	1551 East Tange	Tucson	AZ
Osceola Regional Medical	700 West Oak St	Kissimmee	FL
Our Lady of the Lake Regi	5000 Hennessy E	Baton Rouge	LA
Overland Park Regional M	10500 Quivira Ro	Overland Park	KS
Palestine Regional Medica	2900 South Loop	Palestine	TX
Palm Beach Gardens Med	3360 Burns Road	Palm Beach Garc	FL
Palmetto Health Richland	5 Richland Medic	Columbia	SC
Palms of Pasadena Hospit	1501 Pasadena A	St. Petersburg	FL
Palms West Hospital	13001 Southern E	Loxahatchee	FL
Paoli Hospital	255 West Lancas	Paoli	PA
Paradise Valley Hospital	3929 E. Bell Roa	Phoenix	AZ
Parkridge East Hospital	941 Spring Creek	Chattanooga	TN
Parkridge Medical Center	2333 McCallie Av	Chattanooga	TN
Parkview Regional Medica	11109 Parkview F	Fort Wayne	IN
Peace River Regional Mec	2500 Harbor Blvd	Port Charlotte	FL
Peking University People's	No. 11 Xizhimen	Beijing	Xicheng District
Penn Medicine Chester C	701 East Marshal	West Chester	PA
Penrose Hospital	2222 N. Nevada	Colorado Springs	CO
Phoenix Baptist Hospital	2000 West Betha	Phoenix	AZ
Phoenixville Hospital	140 Nutt Road	Phoenixville	PA
Physicians Regional Medic	900 East Oak Av	Knoxville	TN
Piedmont Atlanta Hospital	1968 Peachtree F	Atlanta	GA
Piedmont Fayette Hospital	1255 Highway 54	Fayetteville	GA
Piedmont Henry Hospital	1133 Eagles Lan	Stockbridge	GA
Piedmont Medical Center	222 S. Herlong A	Rock Hill	SC
Piedmont Mountainside H	1266 Highway 51	Jasper	GA
Piedmont Newnan Hospite	745 Poplar Road	Newnan	GA
Pikeville Medical Center	911 Bypass Roa	Pikeville	KY
Plaza Medical Center of F	900 Eighth Aven	Fort Worth	TX
Pocono Medical Center	206 East Brown E	East Stroudsburg	PA
Ponca City Medical Center	1900 N 14th St	Ponca City	OK
Porter Adventist Hospital	2525 S. Downing	Denver	CO
Porter Regional Hospital	85 East US Highw	Valparaiso	IN
Portneuf Medical Center	777 Hospital Way	Pocatello	ID
Portsmouth Regional Hosp	333 Borthwick Av	Portsmouth	NH
Prairie Heart Institute at	1800 E. Carpenter	Springfield	IL
Presbyterian/St. Luke's Me	1719 East 19th A	Denver	CO
Presence Covenant Medic	1400 W. Park Str	Urbana	IL
Presence Mercy Medical C	1325 North Highl	Aurora	IL
Presence Resurrection Me	7435 W. Talcott	Chicago	IL
Presence Saint Francis H	355 Ridge Avenu	Evanston	IL
Presence Saint Joseph Me	333 N. Madison E	Joliet	IL
Presence Saint Mary of N	2233 West Divisi	Chicago	IL
Presence St. Mary's Hospi	500 West Court E	Kankakee	IL
Princeton Baptist Medical	701 Princeton Av	Birmingham	AL
ProMedica Bay Park Hosp	2801 Bay Park Dr	Oregon	OH
ProMedica Defiance Regic	1200 Ralston Ave	Defiance	OH
ProMedica St. Luke's Hos	5901 Monclova R	Maumee	OH



ProMedica Toledo Hospital	2142 N. Cove Blv	Toledo	OH
Providence Hospital	Heart 2435 Forest Drive	Columbia	SC
Providence Medical Center	8929 Parallel Pkwy	Kansas City	KS
Raleigh General Hospital	1710 Harper Road	Beckley	WV
Rapides Regional Medical Center	211 Fourth Street	Alexandria	LA
Reading Hospital	Sixth Avenue and West	Reading	PA
Red Bud Regional Hospital	325 Spring St.	Red Bud	IL
Redmond Regional Medical Center	501 Redmond Rd	Rome	GA
Regional Hospital of Jacksonville	367 Hospital Blvd	Jackson	TN
Regional Hospital of Scranton	746 Jefferson Ave	Scranton	PA
Regional Medical Center East	14000 Fivay Road	Hudson	FL
Regional Medical Center of San Jose	225 North Jackson	San Jose	CA
Renown Regional Medical Center	1155 Mill Street	Reno	NV
Renown South Meadows Medical Center	10101 Double R.	Reno	NV
Research Medical Center	2316 E Meyer Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Reston Hospital Center	1850 Town Center	Reston	VA
Retreat Doctors' Hospital	2621 Grove Avenue	Richmond	VA
Rex Hospital	4420 Lake Boone	Raleigh	NC
Rhode Island Hospital	593 Eddy Street	Providence	RI
Riddle Hospital	1068 West Baltimore	Media	PA
River Region Medical Center	2100 Highway 61	Vicksburg	MS
Riverside Community Hospital	4445 Magnolia Ave	Riverside	CA
Riverside Medical Center	350 North Wall St	Kankakee	IL
Riverside Methodist Hospital	3535 Olentangy Fwy	Columbus	OH
Riverside Regional Medical Center	500 J. Clyde Morri	Newport News	VA
Riverview Hospital	395 Westfield Road	Noblesville	IN
Riverview Medical Center	1 Riverview Plaza	Red Bank	NJ
Riverview Regional Medical Center	600 South 3rd St	Gadsden	AL
Riverview Regional Medical Center	158 Hospital Drive	Carthage	TN
Robert Packer Hospital	One Guthrie Square	Sayre	PA
Rockdale Medical Center	1412 Milstead Ave	Conyers	GA
Rockford Memorial Hospital	2400 North Rock	Rockford	IL
Roper Hospital	316 Calhoun Street	Charleston	SC
Rose Medical Center	4567 East 9th Ave	Denver	CO
Rush University Medical Center	1653 W. Congress	Chicago	IL
Rush-Copley Medical Center	2000 Ogden Avenue	Aurora	IL
Sacred Heart Hospital	5151 North Ninth	Pensacola	FL
Saint Agnes Healthcare	900 Caton Avenue	Baltimore	MD
Saint Alphonsus Regional Hospital	1055 N. Curtis Rd	Boise	ID
Saint Francis Hospital-Bar	2986 Kate Bond	Bartlett	TN
Saint Francis Medical Center	211 Saint Francis	Cape Girardeau	MO
Saint Joseph Berea	305 Estill Street	Berea	KY
Saint Joseph East	150 N Eagle Creek	Lexington	KY
Saint Joseph Hospital	1835 Franklin Street	Denver	CO
Saint Joseph Mount Sterling	225 Falcon Drive	Mount Sterling	KY
Saint Joseph-Martin	11203 Main St.	Martin	KY
Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center	235 West 6th Street	Reno	NV
Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital	2000 Church Street	Nashville	TN
Saint Thomas Rutherford	1700 Medical Center	Murfreesboro	TN
Saint Thomas West Hospital	4220 Harding Road	Nashville	TN
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital	450 East Romie	Salinas	CA
San Angelo Community Medical Center	3501 Knickerbocker	San Angelo	TX



San Joaquin Community H	2615 Chester Ave	Bakersfield	CA
Sandhills Regional Medical	1000 West Hamlet	Hamlet	NC
Sanford USD Medical Cen	1305 West 18th S	Sioux Falls	SD
Schneck Medical Center	411 W. Tipton St	Seymour	IN
Scott & White Hospital-Tel	2401 South 31st S	Temple	TX
Scottsdale Healthcare Ost	7400 East Osborn	Scottsdale	AZ
Scottsdale Healthcare She	9003 East Shea E	Scottsdale	AZ
Scottsdale Healthcare Thc	7400 E. Thompson	Scottsdale	AZ
Self Regional Healthcare	1325 Spring Street	Greenwood	SC
Sentara CarePlex Hospital	3000 Coliseum Dr	Hampton	VA
Sentara Leigh Hospital	830 Kempsville Rd	Norfolk	VA
Sentara Virginia Beach Ge	1060 First Colonial	Virginia Beach	VA
Sentara Williamsburg Reg	100 Sentara Cir	Williamsburg	VA
Seton Medical Center Aus	1201 West 38th S	Austin	TX
Seton Medical Center Hay	6001 Kyle Pkwy	Kyle	TX
Seton Medical Center Willi	201 Seton Parkway	Round Rock	TX
Shady Grove Adventist Ho	9901 Medical Center	Rockville	MD
Shands Jacksonville Medi	655 W Eighth St	Jacksonville	FL
Shands Starke Regional M	922 E. Call Street	Starke	FL
Shanghai Chest Hospital	241 Huaihai Road	Xuhui	Shanghai
Shasta Regional Medical C	1100 Butte Street	Redding	CA
Shawnee Mission Medical	9100 West 74th S	Shawnee Mission	KS
Sheikh Khalifa Medical Cit	Karama Street	Abu Dhabi	UAE
Shelby Baptist Medical Ce	1000 First Street	Alabaster	AL
Sierra Medical Center	1625 Medical Center	El Paso	TX
Sierra Providence East Me	3280 Joe Battle E	El Paso	TX
Sky Ridge Medical Center	10101 Ridgeway	Lone Tree	CO
SkyRidge Medical Center	2305 Chambliss	Cleveland	TN
South Baldwin Regional M	1613 North McKee	Foley	AL
South Bay Hospital	4016 Sun City Center	Sun City Center	FL
South Lake Hospital	1900 Don Wickham	Clermont	FL
South Miami Hospital	6200 SW 73rd St	Miami	FL
South Seminole Hospital	555 West State Rd	Longwood	FL
South Shore Hospital	55 Fogg Road at	South Weymouth	MA
South Texas Regional Mer	1905 Highway 77	Jourdanton	TX
Southeast Alabama Medic	1108 Ross Clark	Dothan	AL
Southeast Hospital	1701 Lacey Street	Cape Girardeau	MO
Southern Maryland Hospit	7503 Surratts Rd	Clinton	MD
Southern Ocean Medical C	1140 New Jersey	Manahawkin	NJ
Southern Ohio Medical Ce	1805 27th Street	Portsmouth	OH
Southern Regional Medical	11 Upper Riverdale	Riverdale	GA
Southern Tennessee Medi	185 Hospital Road	Winchester	TN
Southern Tennessee Regi	1607 South Locust	Lawrenceburg	TN
Southside Regional Medic	200 Medical Park	Petersburg	VA
Southwest General Hospit	7400 Barlow Blvd.	San Antonio	TX
Sparks Regional Medical C	1001 Towson Ave	Fort Smith	AR
Spartanburg Medical Cent	101 East Wood St	Spartanburg	SC
Spotsylvania Regional Mer	4600 Spotsylvania	Fredericksburg	VA
Spring Valley Hospital Mer	5400 South Raint	Las Vegas	NV
Spring View Hospital	320 Loretto Road	Lebanon	KY
St. Anthony Hospital	11600 W 2nd Pl	Lakewood	CO
St. Anthony's Hospital	1200 Seventh Ave	St. Petersburg	FL



St. Catherine Hospital	4321 Fir Street	East Chicago	IN
St. Cloud Regional Medical Center	2906 17th Street	St. Cloud	FL
St. David's Georgetown Hospital	2000 Scenic Drive	Georgetown	TX
St. David's Medical Center	919 E 32nd Street	Austin	TX
St. David's North Austin Medical Center	12221 N. MoPac	Austin	TX
St. David's Round Rock Medical Center	2400 Round Rock	Round Rock	TX
St. David's South Austin Medical Center	901 W. Ben White	Austin	TX
St. Dominic Hospital	969 Lakeland Drive	Jackson	MS
St. Elizabeth Health Center	1044 Belmont Avenue	Youngstown	OH
St. Elizabeth Hospital	1506 S. Oneida Street	Appleton	WI
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	211 South Third Street	Belleville	IL
St. Francis Health	1700 SW 7th Street	Topeka	KS
St. Francis Medical Center	309 Jackson Street	Monroe	LA
St. Francis Medical Center	6001 E. Woodmeadow	Colorado Springs	CO
St. John Hospital and Medical Center	22101 Moross Road	Detroit	MI
St. John Medical Center	29000 Center Road	Westlake	OH
St. John's Regional Medical Center	1600 North Rose	Oxnard	CA
St. Joseph Health St. Mary	18300 US Highway	Apple Valley	CA
St. Joseph Hospital	1907 W Sycamore	Kokomo	IN
St. Joseph Hospital	700 Broadway	Fort Wayne	IN
St. Joseph Medical Center	2500 Bernville Road	Reading	PA
St. Joseph Medical Center	1401 St. Joseph	Houston	TX
St. Joseph Medical Center	1000 Carondelet	Kansas City	MO
St. Joseph Regional Health	2801 Franciscan	Bryan	TX
St. Joseph's Hospital	11705 Mercy Boulevard	Savannah	GA
St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center	1350 West Thomas	Phoenix	AZ
St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center	301 Prospect Avenue	Syracuse	NY
St. Lucie Medical Center	1800 SE Tiffany	Port St. Lucie	FL
St. Luke's Baptist Hospital	7930 Floyd Curl	San Antonio	TX
St. Luke's Boise Medical Center	190 E. Bannock Street	Boise	ID
St. Luke's Hospital	1026 A Avenue N	Cedar Rapids	IA
St. Luke's Hospital-Allentown	1736 Hamilton Street	Allentown	PA
St. Luke's Hospital-Miners	360 West Ruddle	Coaldale	PA
St. Luke's Medical Center	6720 Bertner Avenue	Houston	TX
St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center	520 South Eagle	Meridian	ID
St. Luke's University Hospital	801 Ostrum Street	Bethlehem	PA
St. Mark's Hospital	1200 East 3900 South	Salt Lake City	UT
St. Mary Medical Center	1500 South Lake	Hobart	IN
St. Mary's Health Center	100 Saint Marys	Jefferson City	MO
St. Mary's Hospital	700 South Park	Madison	WI
St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center	2635 North 7th Street	Grand Junction	CO
St. Mary's Medical Center	201 NW R. D. M	Blue Springs	MO
St. Mary's Medical Center	2900 1st Avenue	Huntington	WV
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center	93 Campus Ave.	Lewiston	ME
St. Petersburg General Hospital	6500 38th Avenue	St. Petersburg	FL
St. Rita's Medical Center	730 West Market	Lima	OH
St. Rose Dominican Hospital	8280 W. Warm Springs	Las Vegas	NV
St. Tammany Parish Hospital	1202 South Tyler	Covington	LA
St. Vincent Anderson Regional Medical Center	2015 Jackson Street	Anderson	IN
St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center	Two St. Vincent	Little Rock	AR
St. Vincent's Medical Center	1 Shircliff Way	Jacksonville	FL
St. Vincent's Medical Center	4201 Belfort Road	Jacksonville	FL



Starr Regional Medical Ce	1114 West Madis	Athens	TN
Stony Brook University Ho	101 Nicolls Road	Stony Brook	NY
Stormont-Vail HealthCare	1500 SW 10th Av	Topeka	KS
Stringfellow Memorial Hos	301 East 18th Str	Anniston	AL
Summa Akron City Hospit	525 East Market	Akron	OH
Summa Barberton Hospit	155 5th St NE	Barberton	OH
Summa Wadsworth-Rittm	195 Wadsworth F	Wadsworth	OH
Summerlin Hospital Medic	657 Town Center	Las Vegas	NV
Summerville Medical Cent	295 Midland Park	Summerville	SC
Sumner Regional Medical	555 Hartsville Pik	Gallatin	TN
Susan B. Allen Memorial H	720 West Central	El Dorado	KS
Swedish Medical Center	501 E Hampden	Englewood	CO
Sycamore Shoals Hospital	1501 W Elk Ave.	Elizabethton	TN
Tallahassee Memorial Hos	1300 Miccosukee	Tallahassee	FL
Teche Regional Medical C	1125 Marguerite	Morgan City	LA
Terre Haute Regional Hos	3901 S 7th St	Terre Haute	IN
Terrebonne General Medic	8166 Main Street	Houma	LA
Texas Health Arlington Me	800 West Randol	Arlington	TX
Texas Health Burleson	2750 SW Wilshire	Burleson	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	108 Denver Trail	Azle	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	201 Walls Drive	Cleburne	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	1301 Pennsylvan	Fort Worth	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	1600 Hospital Pa	Bedford	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	6100 Harris Park	Fort Worth	TX
Texas Health Harris Methc	411 North Belkna	Stephenville	TX
Texas Health Heart & Vas	811 Wright Street	Arlington	TX
Texas Health Huguley Hos	11801 South Fwy	Burleson	TX
Texas Health Presbyterian	8200 Walnut Hill	Dallas	TX
Texas Health Presbyterian	3000 North I-35	Denton	TX
Texas Health Presbyterian	4400 Long Prairie	Flower Mound	TX
Texas Health Presbyterian	6200 West Parke	Plano	TX
Texoma Medical Center	5016 South US H	Dennison	TX
The Christ Hospital	2139 Auburn Ave	Cincinnati	OH
The Good Samaritan Hosp	4th & Walnut Stre	Lebanon	PA
The HealthPlex Hospital	3300 HealthPlex	Norman	OK
The Heart Hospital at Prov	6901 Medical Pk	Waco	TX
The Heart Hospital Baylor	1100 Allied Drive	Plano	TX
The Medical Center	250 Park Street	Bowling Green	KY
The Medical Center of Aur	1501 South Potor	Aurora	CO
The Medical Center of Cer	777 Hemlock Str	Macon	GA
The Medical Center of Pla	3901 West 15th S	Plano	TX
The Medical Center of So	2555 Jimmy Johr	Port Arthur	TX
The Moses H. Cone Mem	1200 N. Elm Stre	Greensboro	NC
The University of Arizona	1501 N. Campbel	Tucson	AZ
Three Rivers Medical Cen	2485 Highway 64	Louisa	KY
Timpanogos Regional Hos	750 W. 800 North	Orem	UT
Tri-City Medical Center	4002 Vista Way	Oceanside	CA
Trident Medical Center	9330 Medical Pla	Charleston	SC
Trinity Hospital of Augusta	2260 Wrightboro	Augusta	GA
Trinity Medical Center	800 Montclair Rd.	Birmingham	AL
Trinity Medical Center We	4000 Johnson Rc	Steubenville	OH
TriPoint Medical Center	7590 Auburn Ro	Concord	OH



TriStar Centennial Medical	2300 Patterson S	Nashville	TN
TriStar Greenview Region	1801 Ashley Cir	Bowling Green	KY
TriStar Hendersonville Me	355 New Shackle	Hendersonville	TN
TriStar Horizon Medical C	111 Highway 70 E	Dickson	TN
TriStar Skyline Medical Ce	3441 Dickerson F	Nashville	TN
TriStar Southern Hills Med	391 Wallace Roa	Nashville	TN
TriStar StoneCrest Medica	200 StoneCrest E	Smyrna	TN
TriStar Summit Medical C	5655 Frist Boulev	Hermitage	TN
Trumbull Memorial Hospit	1350 East Marke	Warren	OH
Tucson Medical Center	5301 E. Grant Ro	Tucson	AZ
Tulane Medical Center	1415 Tulane Ave.	New Orleans	LA
Turkey Creek Medical Cer	10820 Parkside E	Knoxville	TN
UF Health Shands Hospit	1600 SW Archer	Gainesville	FL
UHS Wilson Medical Cent	33 Harrison Stree	Johnson City	NY
Union County Hospital	517 N. Main St.	Anna	IL
Union Hospital	1606 N 7th Street	Terre Haute	IN
Union Hospital Clinton	801 S. Main Stre	Clinton	IN
United Regional Health Ce	1600 11th Street	Wichita Falls	TX
University Hospital	1350 Walton Way	Augusta	GA
University Hospital and Cli	One Hospital Driv	Columbia	MO
University Hospitals Ahuja	3999 Richmond F	Beachwood	OH
University Hospitals Bedfo	44 Blaine Avenue	Bedford	OH
University Hospitals Case	11100 Euclid Ave	Cleveland	OH
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University Hospitals Richr	27100 Chardon F	Richmond Height	OH
University Medical Center	1411 W. Baddour	Lebanon	TN
University Medical Center	601 East 15th Str	Austin	TX
University Medical Center	4815 Alameda A	El Paso	TX
University of Mississippi M	2500 North State	Jackson	MS
University of North Carolin	101 Manning Dr	Chapel Hill	NC
UPMC Hamot	201 State St	Erie	PA
VA Caribbean Healthcare	Hospital de Veter	San Juan	PR
Valley Hospital Medical Ce	620 Shadow Lan	Las Vegas	NV
Vanderbilt University Medi	1211 Medical Ce	Nashville	TN
Venice Regional Bayfront	1540 The Rialto	Venice	FL
Via Christi Hospital St. Fra	929 N. St. Franci	Wichita	KS
Vidant Medical Center	2100 Stantonsbur	Greenville	NC
Virginia Commonwealth U	1250 East Marsh	Richmond	VA
Virtua Marlton	90 Brick Road	Marlton	NJ
Vista Medical Center East	1324 North Sheri	Waukegan	IL
Wake Forest Baptist Medi	Medical Center B	Winston-Salem	NC
WakeMed Raleigh Campu	3000 New Bern A	Raleigh	NC
WakeMed Cary Hospital	1900 Kildaire Fan	Cary	NC
Walla Walla General Hosp	1025 S. Second /	Walla Walla	WA
Warren Memorial Hospital	1000 Shenandoa	Front Royal	VA
Washington Adventist Hos	7600 Carroll Aver	Takoma Park	MD
Washington Regional Med	3215 N North Hill	Fayetteville	AR
Watsonville Community H	75 Nielson St	Watsonville	CA
Weatherford Regional Me	713 East Anders	Weatherford	TX
WellStar Cobb Hospital	3950 Austell Roa	Austell	GA



WellStar Douglas Hospital	8954 Hospital Drive	Douglasville	GA
WellStar Kennestone Hospital	677 Church Street	Marietta	GA
WellStar Paulding Hospital	Jimmy Lee Smith	Hiram	GA
Wesley Medical Center	5001 Hardy Street	Hattiesburg	MS
Wesley Medical Center	550 N. Hillside	Wichita	KS
West Florida Hospital	8383 North Davis	Pensacola	FL
West Georgia Health	1514 Vernon Road	LaGrange	GA
West Hills Hospital & Medical Center	7300 Medical Center	West Hills	CA
West Jefferson Medical Center	1101 Medical Center	Marrero	LA
West Marion Community Hospital	4600 SW 46th Center	Ocala	FL
West Medical Center	36000 Euclid Avenue	Willoughby	OH
West Suburban Medical Center	3 Erie Court	Oak Park	IL
West Valley Hospital	13677 W. McDowell	Goodyear	AZ
West Valley Medical Center	1717 Arlington Avenue	Caldwell	ID
Western Arizona Regional Medical Center	2735 Silver Creek	Bullhead City	AZ
Western Reserve Hospital	1900 23rd Street	Cuyahoga Falls	OH
Westside Regional Medical Center	8201 West Broward	Plantation	FL
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare	3801 Spring Street	Racine	WI
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare	10101 S. 27th Street	Franklin	WI
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare	3237 South 16th	Milwaukee	WI
Wheaton Franciscan-St. Joseph	5000 West Chamberlain	Milwaukee	WI
Wheaton Franciscan-Wisconsin	10000 W Bluemound	Wauwatosa	WI
Wheeling Hospital	1 Medical Park	Wheeling	WV
Wilkes Regional Medical Center	1370 West D Street	North Wilkesboro	NC
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital	575 North River Street	Wilkes-Barre	PA
William Beaumont Hospital	468 Cadieux Road	Grosse Pointe	MI
Williamson Medical Center	4321 Carothers	Franklin	TN
Willis-Knighton Medical Center	2600 Greenwood	Shreveport	LA
Winchester Medical Center	1840 Amherst Street	Winchester	VA
Wise Regional Health System	609 Medical Center	Decatur	TX
Woodland Healthcare	1325 Cottonwood	Woodland	CA
Wuesthoff Medical Center	110 Longwood Avenue	Rockledge	FL
Wythe County Community Hospital	600 West Ridge	Wytheville	VA
Xiamen Heart Hospital	No. 205 Hubin	South Road	Xiamen, Fujian
Yakima Regional Medical Center	110 S. 9th Avenue	Yakima	WA
Yale-New Haven Hospital	20 York Street	New Haven	CT
Yantaishan Hospital	90 Jiefing Rd.	Yantai	Zhifu, Yanti, Shandong



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Word Origin

noun

1. a state of mind in which one is troubled; worry, anxiety, or concern:  
*"He was never free from care."*
2. a cause or object of worry, anxiety, concern, etc.:  
*"Their son has always been a great care to them."*
3. serious attention; solicitude; heed; caution:  
*"She devotes great care to her work."*
4. protection; charge:  
*"He is under the care of a doctor."*
5. temporary keeping, as for the benefit of or until claimed by the owner:  
*"He left his valuables in the care of friends. Address my mail in care of the American Embassy."*
6. grief; suffering; sorrow.

verb (used without object), **cared**, **caring**.

7. to be concerned or solicitous; have thought or regard.





8. to be concerned or have a special preference (usually used in negative constructions):

*"I don't care if I do."*

9. to make provision or look out (usually followed by *for*):

*"Will you care for the children while I am away?"*

10. to have an inclination, liking, fondness, or affection (usually followed by *for*):

*"Would you care for dessert? I don't care for him very much."*

## verb (used with object), **cared**, **caring**.

11. to feel concern about:

*"He doesn't care what others say."*

12. to wish; desire; like:

*"Would you care to dance?"*

## Idioms

13. **couldn't care less**, could not care less; be completely unconcerned:

*"I couldn't care less whether she goes to the party or not."*

Also, **could care less**.

14. **take care**,

- a. be alert; be careful:

*"Take care that you don't fall on the ice!"*

- b. take care of yourself; goodbye: used as an expression of parting.

15. **take care of**,

- a. to watch over; be responsible for:

*"to take care of an invalid."*

- b. to act on; deal with; attend to:

*"to take care of paying a bill."*

## Origin

Middle English

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## Word Mark

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## Goods and Services

IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: Charitable fundraising; Charitable fundraising services, namely, organizing and conducting benefit musical concerts and performances; Charitable fundraising services by means of musical concerts; Charitable fundraising services by means of selling goods to raise funds; Charitable fundraising services by means of organizing and conducting special events; providing a website featuring information in the field of charitable fundraising services. FIRST USE: 20140314. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140314

## Standard Characters Claimed

## Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

## Serial Number

86221357

## Filing Date

March 14, 2014

## Current Basis

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4832723

## Registration Date

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## Owner

(REGISTRANT) SXSW, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TEXAS P.O. Box 685289 Austin TEXAS 78768

## Attorney of Record

Steven Espenshade

## Prior Registrations

2043596;2509383;3773290;AND OTHERS

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## DERM FOR PRIMARY CARE

**Word Mark** DERM FOR PRIMARY CARE  
**Goods and Services** IC 041, US 100 101 107, G & S: Education services, namely, providing on-line classes in the field of dermatology. FIRST USE: 20140617.  
FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140617

**Standard Characters Claimed**

**Mark Drawing Code** (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

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**Registration Number** 4818976

**Registration Date** September 22, 2015

**Owner** (REGISTRANT) Dermatology Professional Educators, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY GEORGIA Box 6495 Macon GEORGIA 31208

**Attorney of Record** Thomas B. Hildebrandt

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**Live/Dead Indicator** LIVE

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# 1Heart Cares

## Word Mark

1HEART CARES

## Goods and Services

IC 045. US 100 101. G &amp; S: In-home support services to senior persons, namely, geriatric care management services in the nature of the coordination of necessary services and personal care for older individuals; Non-medical in-home personal care services for assisting with daily living activities of older individuals. FIRST USE: 20140818. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140818

## Standard Characters Claimed

## Mark Drawing Code

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## Owner

(REGISTRANT) Caregiver Services and Home Care, Inc. CORPORATION CALIFORNIA 3600 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1424 Los Angeles CALIFORNIA 90010

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## Type of Mark

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## Register

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# FOUNDATION CARE

**Word Mark** FC FOUNDATION CARE

**Goods and Services** IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Full service retail pharmacy, specializing in cystic fibrosis. FIRST USE: 20040401. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20040401

**Mark Drawing Code** (3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

**Design Search Code** 26.11.21 - Rectangles that are completely or partially shaded  
26.17.01 - Bands, straight; Bars, straight; Lines, straight; Straight line(s), band(s) or bar(s)  
26.17.05 - Bands, horizontal; Bars, horizontal; Horizontal line(s), band(s) or bar(s); Lines, horizontal

**Serial Number** 86515234

**Filing Date** January 27, 2015

**Current Basis** 1A

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**Published for Opposition** June 23, 2015

**Registration Number** 4807735

**Registration Date** September 8, 2015

**Owner** (REGISTRANT) Foundation Care, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MISSOURI 4010 Wedgeway Court Earth City MISSOURI 63045

**Description of Mark** The mark consists of a solid rectangular block with outer border, with the letters "FC" centered and underlined twice to the left of the stylized text "Foundation Care".

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## touch care

## Word Mark

TOUCH CARE

## Goods and Services

IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: Underwriting warranty programs in the field of prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; underwriting extended warranty contracts in the field of prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; providing extended warranties on prosthetic devices implants and limbs; Insurance claims processing in the field of damage to prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; Insurance services underwriting, issuance and administration of casualty insurance for prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; all the aforesaid being in relation to prosthetic devices. FIRST USE: 20120612. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20120612

IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Training in the use and operation of prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; Online training, namely, providing classes, workshops and lectures on the use and operation of prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; providing an online virtual learning web site featuring educational tools in the nature of non-downloadable videos and databases providing information on the use and operation of computer software and mobile applications used in connection with prosthetic devices and information on training in the use of computer software and mobile applications used in connection with prosthetic devices. FIRST USE: 20120612. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20120612

IC 044. US 100 101. G & S: Fitting of prosthetic devices, implants and limbs; information, advisory and consultancy services relating thereto; rental of medical equipment, machines and apparatus; provision and fitting of synthetic coverings for prosthetic devices; checking medical devices, all the aforesaid services being in relation to prosthetic devices. FIRST USE: 20120612. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20120612

## Standard Characters Claimed

## Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 86359840

Filing Date August 7, 2014

Current Basis 1A

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Published for Opposition June 23, 2015

Registration Number 4806810

Registration Date September 8, 2015

Owner (REGISTRANT) Touch Bionics Limited limited company (Ltd.) UNITED KINGDOM 3 Ashwood Court Oakbank Park Way Livingston UNITED KINGDOM EH530TH

Attorney of Record Janet F. Salterthwaite

Type of Mark SERVICE MARK

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## CARE GROWS

Word Mark  
Goods and  
Services

CARE GROWS

IC 035. US 100 101 102. G &amp; S: promoting public awareness of social responsibility, healthcare, fundraising, philanthropy and environmental sustainability; providing a website in the field of promoting public awareness of social responsibility, healthcare, fundraising, philanthropy and environmental sustainability. FIRST USE: 20131125. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20131125

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(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

## Serial Number

86976688

## Filing Date

November 13, 2013

## Current Basis

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Original Filing  
Basis

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April 1, 2014

Registration  
Number

4801266

## Registration Date

August 25, 2015

## Owner

(REGISTRANT) Johnson &amp; Johnson CORPORATION NEW JERSEY One Johnson &amp; Johnson Plaza New Brunswick NEW JERSEY 089337001

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David H. McDonald

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## ADVANCING EXPERT CARE

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ADVANCING EXPERT CARE

## Goods and Services

IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G &amp; S: Downloadable publications, namely, position papers, instructional materials, teaching materials, guides, presentations, and brochures in the fields of hospice and palliative care. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G &amp; S: Publications, namely, guides in the fields of hospice and palliative care. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 035. US 100 101 102. G &amp; S: Association services, namely, promoting the interests of hospice and palliative care professionals; public advocacy to promote the awareness of hospice and palliative care issues and to promote awareness of hospice and palliative care patient needs and available services. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 036. US 100 101 102. G &amp; S: Providing grants for research in the fields of hospice and palliative care and certification of hospice and palliative care professionals; Charitable foundation services, namely, providing fundraising activities, funding, scholarships, and financial assistance for the benefit of hospice and palliative care professionals and students. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 038 US 100 101 104. G &amp; S: Providing online chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards for transmission of messages among users in the field of hospice and palliative care. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 041. US 100 101 107. G &amp; S: Preparing and administering exams to hospice and palliative care professionals in the fields of hospice and palliative care; providing recognition by the way of awards to demonstrate excellence in the fields of hospice and palliative care; providing online newsletters in the fields of hospice and palliative care; Educational services, namely, webinars, courses, training, conferences, meetings, and forums in the fields of hospice and palliative care; online newsletters delivered by e-mail in the fields of hospice and palliative care; educational services, namely, providing accrediting courses for nurse educators to teach hospice and palliative care content. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

IC 042. US 100 101. G &amp; S: Developing, maintaining, and updating certification and recertification criteria in the fields of hospice and palliative care for hospice and palliative care professionals; administration of certification and recertification programs for hospice and palliative care professionals. FIRST USE: 20141000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20141000

## Standard Characters Claimed

## Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 86360618

Filing Date August 7, 2014

Current Basis 1A

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Published for Opposition December 30, 2014

Registration Number 4833222

Registration Date October 13, 2015

Owner (REGISTRANT) Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center, Inc. CORPORATION GEORGIA One Penn Center West, Suite 425 Pittsburgh PENNSYLVANIA 152760109

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## Goods and Services

IC 035. US 100 101 102. G &amp; S: Retail optical store services. FIRST USE: 20140504. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140504

IC 044. US 100 101. G &amp; S: Optician and optometric services. FIRST USE: 20140504. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140504

## Standard Characters

## Claimed

## Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

## Serial Number

86189242

## Filing Date

February 10, 2014

## Current Basis

1A

## Original Filing Basis

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## Published for Opposition

June 24, 2014

## Registration Number

4813724

## Registration Date

September 15, 2015

## Owner

(REGISTRANT) Luxottica North America Distribution LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DELAWARE 4000 Luxottica Place Mason OHIO 45040

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<b>Goods and Services</b>	IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Dental practice management for others; Providing a website for dental practice management and administrative support services to individual dentists or group practices. FIRST USE: 20131029. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20131029
<b>Mark Drawing Code</b>	(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS
<b>Design Search Code</b>	02.11.05 - Dentures; Human teeth, dentures; Plates, dental; Teeth, human 27.01.01 - Humans composed of letters or numerals; Letters forming human beings; Numbers forming human beings; Punctuation forming human beings
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<b>Filing Date</b>	July 17, 2014
<b>Current Basis</b>	1A
<b>Original Filing Basis</b>	1A
<b>Published for Opposition</b>	June 9, 2015
<b>Registration Number</b>	4798117
<b>Registration Date</b>	August 25, 2015
<b>Owner</b>	(REGISTRANT) Dental Care Alliance, L.L.C. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FLORIDA 6240 Lake Osprey Drive Sarasota FLORIDA 34240
<b>Assignment Recorded</b>	ASSIGNMENT RECORDED
<b>Attorney of Record</b>	Douglas A. Cherry
<b>Prior Registrations</b>	4497389
<b>Description of Mark</b>	Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of the stylized letters "DCA" with the interior of the letters creating a stylized image of teeth with the words "DENTAL CARE ALLIANCE".
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## 324,000 &amp; Climbing - What does it mean to you?

We recently hit 300,000 Early Heart Attack Care pledges. As we close in on 325,000, what does this mean?

- If each pledge saves just one life, we can almost cut the US cardiovascular death rate by 50%.
- With the changes in health care, we are taking the message beyond the hospital doors to involve the community and to help us save more lives.
- By spreading the message beyond the hospital doors, we can create the Virtual Coronary Care Unit in the Community to help reduce the burden on hospitals.

As we continue to expand Early Heart Attack Care, here are two new articles from Dr. Raymond Bahr.

## "Creating a Virtual Coronary Care Unit in the Community"

Use Link : <http://www.sccpc.org/community/newsletter/pdf/creating-a-coronary-care-unit-ray-bahr-article.pdf>. This article appears in the December issue of Critical Pathways and it outlines the strategy and vision that is required to achieve a Virtual Coronary Care Unit.

## "EHAC Strategy Update"

Use Link: <http://www.sccpc.org/community/newsletter/pdf/300000-EHAC-Manifest-12-15-2014.pdf>. Dr. Raymond Bahr wrote this article to update the accredited facilities on the growth in Early Heart Attack Care and his vision of new growth in 2015.

## Need EHAC Materials?

EHAC is the foundation for the formation of the Society and a fully developed outreach program with materials and information. Visit the [www.deputyheartattack.org](http://www.deputyheartattack.org) website and click on the "Training in Your Community" tab to download materials for health fairs, school events and more!

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## EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE (EHAC) BOOMING

## Largest Public Education Effort in History of SCPC

The Society announced that its Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) program reached 50,000 pledges in July (up from 2,000 just six months ago) and passed 100,000 in September.



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"This is a spectacular start," said SCPC and EHAC Founder, Dr. Ray Bahr, "but it's just a start. We're organized and planning to surpass 100,000 this year. I really have to thank the hundreds of volunteers from our 1,000-member hospitals, who have taken on this effort to educate the public."

***"How many heart attacks can an army of 100,000 prevent?"***

**Dr. Raymond Bahr**  
Founder SCPC and EHAC

"This is a phenomenal effort," said SCPC CEO Wil Mick, "and exceeds every expectation of the Society. It shows the power of a good idea brought to light by a great leader such as Dr. Bahr; and will reduce unnecessary deaths from heart attacks."

The primary goal of EHAC is to promote public awareness of the fact that heart attacks have "beginnings" that can occur weeks before the actual attack. EHAC focuses on intervention during these beginnings to help prevent acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and cardiac arrest. Early symptoms, such as mild or stuttering chest pain, are identified as major risk factors for a heart attack.

Adults often ignore these warnings and put themselves at risk for significant damage to the heart muscle, or even death. The second goal of EHAC is to teach the public that individuals with heart attack symptoms should be evaluated and treated in an emergency department (ED) or chest pain center (CPC).

Experts there are trained in the rapid evaluation of patients, bringing together ED physicians, nurses, cardiologists, and technicians who work as a team to establish a comprehensive management plan for patients with chest pain. The Society was established in 1998 as a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to eliminating heart disease as the number one cause of death worldwide. SCPC pursues this mission by providing education and accreditation to healthcare facilities to improve the care of the cardiac patient.

EHAC is a public awareness campaign intended to educate the public about the signs of an impending heart attack and that these signs and symptoms can occur days or weeks before the actual event. These early symptoms need to be recognized and treated to avoid the damage caused by a full-blown heart attack.

## Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)

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## Early Heart Attack Symptoms

Not every heart attack displays the same symptoms as those we may see on the many medical TV shows we are exposed to daily. In fact, many people ignore the early signs of a heart attack, simply dismissing the more subtle symptoms because they expect the drama associated with a Hollywood episode. Unfortunately, when these early signs are ignored, we miss a "window of opportunity" to prevent the attack before any heart damage can occur. The following signs and symptoms are ones to be aware of in yourself or in your family members:



### Shortness of Breath without Exertion

Although most of us experience shortness of breath when we are exercising or expending energy outside of what we do normally, difficulty breathing when performing normal activities is an early sign that should be investigated.

### Heartburn

The sensation of heartburn or a burning in the chest can be mapped to spicy food and quickly discarded. This sensation can also be an early sign of a heart attack, especially if the condition becomes chronic. If you find yourself taking over-the-counter antacids on a regular basis, the underlying cause of your trouble needs to be discussed with your doctor.

### Discomfort or Pain

Although we think of heart pain as pain occurring in the area of the heart, for some individuals this is not the case. People who have suffered a heart attack have described their early symptoms everywhere from crushing to squeezing to pressure occurring in the chest and even other areas of the body. Shoulders, neck, and jaw are areas reportedly affected prior to a heart attack. Always seek immediate attention if you are experiencing this type of pain, even if the symptoms disappear or are only intermittent.

### A Feeling of Impending Doom

Some patients describe a feeling of anxiety and fear prior to the occurrence of a heart attack. Although not usually thought of as an early symptom, and certainly attributable to other matters, this "feeling" can still be an early indicator, especially when combined with any of the other symptoms listed above.

## A Call to Action

Dr. Bahr composed this letter that he would like to share with the American public.

### *To My Patient and Friend... A Heartfelt Message*

*I write this letter with the hope that I can help you gain some of the insight that I have learned after many years of working with heart attack patients. I offer you this take-home message: Heart attacks do not have to kill, and heart attacks do not have to destroy heart muscle. They do so only because you and I allow this to happen. It is important for you to understand this because, having done so, the next step is to be proactive in helping to correct the problem.*

*The heart is a tremendous pump. I say that because it has tremendous reserve capacity. It can pump 5 to 50 liters per minute, allowing you to do whatever is physically necessary to meet your needs and demands, whether it be sitting on the couch or running a marathon. To do this, the heart muscle needs nourishment. Three heart vessels are given the task of delivering oxygen and nutrients to the heart muscle. It is only when one or more of these vessels are blocked that this reserve capacity and the ability to function normally are compromised.*

*I could tell you about cholesterol, hypertension, and cigarette smoking and how controlling these risk factors can prevent the development of blockage within these vessels. But I want to emphasize that it is very important for you to understand when something is going wrong or when something happening within your body feels unusual to you, act quickly. A major blockage does not occur instantly; instead a vessel clogs over time. It is during this period of time that you have to be sensitive to subtle changes in your body. These changes are the early signs and symptoms of a heart attack. It is during this "grace period" that you must take action so that damage can be averted with lifestyle changes and cardio-protective medications, followed by diagnostic tests to determine the problem.*

*Prevention is a key word in medicine, and prevention of a heart attack is possible when you act quickly during the time that symptoms are minimal. About half of all heart attacks are preventable in that there are telltale signs that a heart attack is on its way. Patients may not go to the emergency room because they felt their pain wasn't severe enough to seek help; they may have felt just chest pressure, chest fullness, chest ache, chest burning, or other atypical symptoms. We should learn from these patients that heart attacks have beginnings, and early intervention can actually prevent heart attacks from taking place.*

*In many cases, the chest discomfort comes and goes, causing patients or those nearby to ignore the early signs and symptoms. Patients don't feel it is enough of an emergency to call 911, or first responders don't act because they are busy and feel that taking time would interfere with their schedule. Ignoring the early signs and symptoms makes these individuals enablers of the heart attack, rather than caregivers.*

*So, my patient and friend, please know what heart attacks are all about. Read the pages in this "For Patients" section of this website to gain a better understanding of the signs and symptoms and the plan of action to take in the event of an emergency. Be attuned to yourself and become an early heart attack caregiver to yourself and your loved ones. It is with this thought in mind that I ask you to take this pledge that commits you to action when you or someone in your presence has the early warning signs of a heart attack. All who take this pledge can form a network that will one day reduce heart attacks from being the*



number one health problem in our nation.

Sincerely,



Raymond D. Bahr, M.D.

## EHAC Oath

The Society represents hundreds of hospitals and thousands of healthcare professionals who are committed to preventing untimely death and disability from heart disease.

Our objective is to enlist 100,000 or more health care professionals and patients to take this oath and educate themselves and their community on the early signs and symptoms of an impending heart attack.

Join the Society in the battle to defeat heart disease as the number one cause of death worldwide.

*"I understand that heart attacks have beginnings and on occasion, signs of an impending heart attack may include chest discomfort, shortness of breath, shoulder and/or arm pain, and weakness. These may occur hours or weeks before the actual heart attack.*

*I solemnly swear that if it happens to me or anyone I know, I will call 9-1-1 or activate our Emergency Medical Services."*

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## Heart Attacks Have Beginnings

This badge is for everyone in the community, as well as hospital professionals, and can easily be part of your community outreach, (which is Key Element No. 1 to our customers).



We want everyone to understand that "heart attacks have beginnings."

We want them to take the pledge and commit to educating others.

They are encouraged to take the 20-minute course and we urge them to deputize at least 50 fellow hospital employees to commit to early heart attack care and stand up for the cause hospital-wide, which we will count on our official tally (now more than 10,000 strong). Once those employees take the pledge, they become ambassadors and they should have the tools to educate the community, and other people within the hospital.

## Buddy Badge

Once hospital professionals -- Nurses, Physicians, Employees -- are fluent on early heart attack education, we want to encourage them to weave the "buddy badge" into the community outreach programs. It reminds everyone that an accredited Chest Pain Center is the smartest place to take someone feeling symptoms.



The buddy badge emphasizes that individuals throughout the community - not just hospital professionals -- should be aware that they can help save a life by taking time from their busy day to assist someone who might be feeling symptoms, but unsure of what to do. We urge them to take action, assist the person to the nearest Accredited Chest Pain Center and, possibly, save a life."



Q + A: Dr. Bahr

Founder of the SCPC



**Q** You talk a lot about Saver or Enabler. What does that mean?

**A** The bystander is perhaps the most important when someone is in the midst having a heart attack. There are three types of heart attack presentations everyone should know about

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- Understand the symptoms
- Spread the word



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### Deputy Heart Attack® Course

In earlier days, a deputy protected the community and kept people informed of danger. Will you become a deputy and spread the message that death and/or heart damage can be prevented? The Deputy Heart Attack program provides the essential early heart attack care education to help you save a life!



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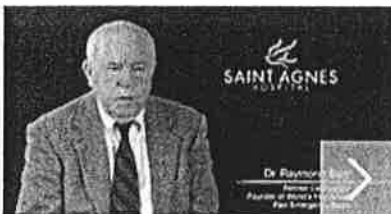
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Early Heart Attack Care®, or EHAC®, is a public awareness campaign intended to educate the public about the signs of an impending heart attack and that these signs and symptoms can occur days or weeks before the actual event. These early symptoms need to be recognized and treated to avoid the damage caused by a full-blown heart attack.

Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) EHAC is the brainchild of our founder, Dr. Raymond Bahr.

The primary goal of EHAC is to promote public awareness that heart attacks have "beginnings" that can occur weeks before the actual attack. EHAC focuses on intervention during these beginnings to help prevent acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and cardiac arrest.

Early symptoms, such as mild or stuttering chest pain, are identified as major risk factors for heart attack. Adults often ignore these warnings and put themselves at risk for significant damage to the heart muscle, or even death.



The second goal of EHAC is to teach the public that individuals with heart attack symptoms be evaluated and treated in an emergency department (ED) or chest pain center (CPC).

Experts there are trained in the rapid evaluation of patients, bringing together ED physicians, nurses, cardiologists, and technicians who work as a team to establish a comprehensive management plan for patients with chest pain.

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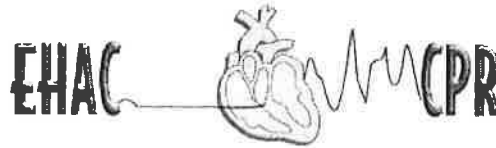
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## Section 5: What is Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)?

Early heart attack care consists of two parts -- recognition and response. **Recognize** the subtle early warning signs. Whenever there is chest discomfort or pressure, become aware.

- Is the discomfort recurring?
- Does it originate in the center of the chest?
- Does it subside while resting and reoccur when active?

The **response** to the symptoms must be decisive. Seek medical attention immediately. Early signs of a blockage may occur hours or even weeks before an acute heart attack. To save lives, we must recognize and respond.



### Why is it so important to promote Early Heart Attack Care?

We have learned that CPR saves lives by intervening when there is an acute heart attack. When the heart stops we can shock it into action. But, **the heart damage has already occurred and sometimes death cannot be averted.** Doesn't it make more sense to check out the mild chest discomfort before a complete blockage takes place, resulting in heart damage. We can stop the progression of a heart attack if we are alert to the early signs.

### Why is this necessary?

**Eighty-five percent of the damage takes place in the first two hours of a heart attack.** If the message of early recognition and response penetrates the country, it may be the force that topples heart disease as the number one killer.

### What is the game plan?

1. Heart attacks have beginnings. Educate the public to **recognize** the early warning signs:

- Mild chest pain, pressure, or discomfort
- Recurring pain or discomfort in the chest that occurs with activity and subsides while at rest
- Shortness of breath
- A burning feeling in the throat and chin that can be confused with heartburn or indigestion

2. Educate the public to **respond** immediately to prevent heart damage and crashes to sudden death.

Your action can save lives. Whether you are experiencing the early symptoms yourself or you are a witness to someone else experiencing early symptoms of heart attack, you can become an early cardiac care giver by insisting on medical attention.

### How can Early Heart Attack Care be taught to others?

The more ways we reach people, the better chance we have of topping heart attack as the number one killer of adults in the United States. The message is simple. **Share the message to "Recognize the symptoms and act immediately."** Health courses in high schools and community colleges can teach early warning signs and responses. Paramedics, firemen, policemen, educators, physical fitness instructors, the general public, and you may be the first responders to someone experiencing the early signs of heart attack. Your action can save a life.

## Listen to Your Heart!

- Heart attacks need not kill or destroy heart muscle if you listen when your body is trying to tell you something.
- Be aware of a pressure - not necessarily pain - in the chest. If it subsides when you rest, but increases with activity, it is your warning of a heart attack. Quick treatment by experts can stop it.
- Get medical help as soon as possible. Go straight to the nearest hospital emergency room. And don't try to rationalize it away as something else. Your body knows what it is talking about.
- Delay in seeking medical attention is the real risk factor. It is more important than cholesterol, smoking or other risk factors.
- Early Heart Attack Care is knowing the subtle danger signs and symptoms and acting upon them before damage occurs.
- By listening to your heart, many heart attacks might be prevented.

## Meet our Founder

Dr. Raymond Bahr is passionate about cardiac care and preventive education. As the founding father of SCPC, his passion to disseminate lifesaving information is a driving force at SCPC. Throughout his career, he has created multiple programs to help others understand the life saving measures that can save a life. In 1981 at St. Agnes Hospital, Dr. Bahr established the Chest Pain Emergency Department (CPED), the first such unit in the world. The initial purpose of this CPED was prompt and effective treatment of patients presenting with heart attack/sudden death. The CPED was coupled with an aggressive education program that taught the community the early warning signs of a heart attack. This education program extended to middle and high school students via health and science curricula.





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EHAC Resolutions in the New Year 2015

Resolve to make a difference in Heart Attack Care in United States

Resolve to go from the present number of 342,0444 to 500,000

EHAC Deputies by the time of our Congress in April 2015

Resolve to put this Army of Caretakers out Into communities throughout the Unites States to help recognize and take action in the presence of someone with an early Heart Attack.... [See More](#)

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## Early Heart Attack Care

January 1 at 9:27pm ·

Walking out to the car each morning, I am reminded that EHAC needs to be front and center in my thoughts that day. The War against the horrendous mortality each year from Heart Attacks (800,000) needs just that type of commitment from a Strategy designed to make a significant dent in this mortality by offering nationwide a workable plan of effective Early Heart Attack Care. EHAC on my license plate catches my attention and aligns my priorities and gives purpose to the day!



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## Early Heart Attack Care

December 26, 2014 at 9:26pm ·

If only you could see a Heart Attack coming!.....you could do something to prevent it.

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Learn the Secret of Seeing It Coming and get ahead of the game!

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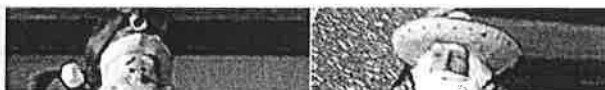
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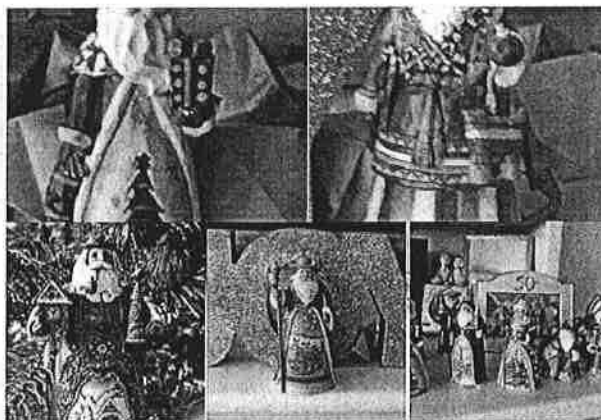
## Early Heart Attack Care shared Raymond Bahr's album.

December 24, 2014 at 1:29pm ·

It is that time of the year that we Thank all of you who have worked so hard to keep the EHAC Message a very important part of their Professional Journey Merry Christmas to all. Have a Great Year in 2015







Raymond Bahr added 30 new photos to the album Decorating the Christmas tree with Jim Shore Santas.

This year, it was my turn to decorate the Christmas Tree and rather than try to do too much, we decided to just go with the Jim Shore Santas from the different C...

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### Early Heart Attack Care

December 22, 2014 at 12:39pm ·

"Creating a Virtual Coronary Care Unit in the Community"

This article appears in the December issue of Critical Pathways and it outlines the strategy and vision that is required to achieve a Virtual Coronary Care Unit.

<http://www.scpcp.org/.../creating-a-coronary-care-unit-ray-ba...>

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### Early Heart Attack Care

December 21, 2014 at 11:38am ·

Stressed by the holidays? Take a second and take the EHAC pledge with Dr. Bahr!

[http://youtu.be/Lf\\_tBb2kDSU?list=UULjAla35Kq8uR-vGn01J6pQ](http://youtu.be/Lf_tBb2kDSU?list=UULjAla35Kq8uR-vGn01J6pQ)



### Take the EHAC Pledge

Dr. Raymond Bahr, founder of the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care and Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) educational outreach program, asks you to take the...

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December 20, 2014 at 12:37pm ·

Almost 40 Years of Early Heart Attack Care!

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December 19, 2014 at 4:35pm ·

333,000 & Climbing - What does it mean to you?

We recently hit 300,000 Early Heart Attack Care pledges. As we close in on 350,000, what does this mean?



If each pledge saves just one life, we can almost cut the US cardiovascular death rate by 50%.  
With the changes in health care, we are taking the message beyond the hospital doors to involve the community and to help us save more lives.... See More

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December 18, 2014 at 4:30pm ·

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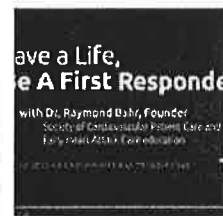
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#### Early Heart Attack Care

December 18, 2014 at 10:29am ·

EHAC Update: 300,000+, Nominate your EHAC Person of the Year for 2014, EHAC 10% Saving Code, New Articles from Dr. Bahr & more!  
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### Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care in the Community - EHAC Early Heart Attack Care Update -...

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#### Early Heart Attack Care

December 17, 2014 at 7:32am ·

EHAC Update: 300,000+ and climbing, Dr. Bahr addresses the changes in Early Heart Attack Care, nominate your 2014 Person of the Year, 10% off coupon for the online store and more.  
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**Early Heart Attack Care**

December 12, 2014 at 7:48pm ·

You should have come in when this was beginning  
Remember It 's the smoke before the fire  
It is the Chest Pressure before that real bad chest pain comes along. Then, it is  
too late.  
Smart Dog!.....you can do better!



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**Early Heart Attack Care**

December 12, 2014 at 5:14am ·

Dr. Raymond Bahr's new video - Be a First Responder.  
"What we're about is starting the meter of heart attack care in the community in  
order to intervene and prevent it from occurring."  
Learn the signs and symptoms. Take the pledge to save a life!



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**Early Heart Attack Care**

December 6, 2014 ·

The EHAC Leadership Team







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December 5, 2014 ·

The Early Care Strategy for reducing Heart Attack Deaths had a beginning 38 years ago as evidenced from this published article in the Catonsville Times Nov..1978. The EHAC message remains the same, but different now in that we have 320,000 EHAC Deputies ready and dedicated in carrying out this Mission. When this is now coupled with the 1000 Hospitals with Chest Pain Centers that have a User-Friendly Pathway for patients presenting early, the Society now has Plan that will become a Major Force in taking Heart Attack Deaths in US out of First Place where it has been for over 159 years. TUFCE= "Thank You for Coming In Early"



Raymond Bahr added 2 new photos to the album 38 years with the same message....keeping it simple! — with Regina Chell at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore.MD.

This Article on EHAC (Early Heart Attack Care) was published in the Catonsville Times, Maryland November 22, 1978 and has not changed over the last 38 years ....t..

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Early Heart Attack Care

December 4, 2014 ·

Ticking up towards 320,000! It's gonna be a great celebration when we hit the 1/2 mil mark! Just think - if each of the Early Heart Attack Care pledges saves JUST ONE LIFE, we can ALMOST cut the mortality rate in half!!

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Get rid of Heart Attacks as soon as possible.  
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### How Powerful is the Early Heart Attack Care Movement In the United States?

How Powerful is the Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) Movement in the United States? And the Answer is **Very Powerful** and this is based on "The Power of an Idea whose Time has come." It just makes Good Common Sense and is what is needed to save lives!

#### History of this Powerful Idea

In 1981, the First Chest Pain Center in the world was begun in the Emergency Room at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Its purpose was to deliver Comprehensive Heart Attack Care to patients upon their arrival in the Emergency Room, but over time to Shift the Paradigm of Care to Early Detection in the Community and Early Treatment in the Emergency Room. This became known as EHAC Care or Early Heart Attack Care.

Over the next 10 years, this Type of Care was perfected at St. Agnes Hospital and in 1991 when a Grant was given to the Coronary Care Unit to deliver this EHAC message throughout the United States. It began to take growth in hospitals elsewhere as Chest Pain Emergency Rooms. Later, the name was changed to Chest Pain Centers in Emergency Departments. National Congresses were set up by St. Agnes to bring together Cardiologists, Emergency Nurses and Emergency Physicians interested in the further development of Chest Pain Centers through reporting on their own Centers.

In 1998, St. Agnes was able to Track more than 2000 Chest Pain Centers in ED that had been developed throughout the United States as a result of visiting the St. Agnes Chest Pain Center finding out about such Centers at Exhibition Tables set up at the Annual Meetings of the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Emergency Medicine. The Third National Congress of Chest Pain Centers took place at this time (1998) in Dearborn, Michigan and a very significant outcome was the decision to form a New Medical Society that would promote the further development of the Chest Pain Center Movement whose goal it would be to significantly reduce Heart Attack Deaths in the United States by placing more Emphasis on Early Heart Attack Care both in the Community as well as in the Hospital. It would do this by taking advantage of "An Idea whose Time has Come".

The Power of "An Idea whose Time has Come" was first seen in the Coronary Care Movement beginning in the early 1960s when the First Coronary Care Unit (CCU) was begun in a small Community Hospital in Bethany, Kansas and within 10 years, every Hospital in the United States (5000 hospitals) had such a Unit. Viral Growth (hockey stick growth) had taken place because the message was Powerful. It made good sense and patients benefited throughout.

The Growth of the 2000 Chest Pain Centers in ED was being propelled by such a Force as well. However, this came to a Standstill when the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) was about to issue a Ruling that Observational Services were not going to be reimbursed. Observation Units in Chest Pain Centers were vital in providing a mechanism for the Hospital to check out efficiently and safely patients with mild chest pain symptoms. This Ruling would have been devastating! The Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care opposed this and brought together many other Professional Groups in making the point that such Observational Services were vital to the Chest Pain Center's Efforts to reduce Heart Attack Deaths.

As a result of this effort, the HCFA decision was reversed. When this occurred, HCFA Administrators requested our Help in filtering out the Hospitals that had been using their Chest Pain Center Sign as a Marketing Tool only. It was at this point that the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care started the Accreditation Process based on the Eight Key Elements of a Chest Pain Center that had been previously published in the American Journal of Cardiology. This Process of Improvement needed to be documented every three years (Cycles). The Society has now Accredited over 700 Chest Pain Centers throughout the United States and has as its goal to set up a Chest Pain Center in all 5000 Hospitals in the United States.

It is true that the power of "An Idea whose Time has come" resulted in the Successful Growth of both the Coronary Care Units as well as the First Chest Pain Center Movement, but neither of these had to pass inspection to develop. Once in place, the Care was left up to the Staff that managed these units. However, times have changed and more is expected. To ensure Quality Heart Attack Care, it has become necessary to set Standards in Performance. Accreditation has been adopted as a way to do this.

The Chest Pain Center Approach to the Heart Attack Problem is twofold. First, it attempts to spread to all 5000 Hospitals and their surrounding Communities with the message that "heart attacks have beginnings" and that such patients when detected early and come into the Hospital do much better. This amounts to Acute Prevention of the Heart Attack. It is Prevention that is taking place when the

### Dr. Raymond Bahr's Articles & Videos

Dr. Raymond Bahr writes a monthly article about the EHAC movement that appears in the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care newsletter. He has also done several videos that outline the importance of Early Heart Attack Care.



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- 4/2013: EHAC Expansion to Include Hospital Employees
- Q & A with Dr. Raymond Bahr
- 3/2013: Surging Ahead in Heart Attack Care
- 2/2013: February is Heart Month
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### Meet our Founder

Dr. Raymond Bahr is passionate about cardiac care and preventive education. As the founding father of SCPC, his passion to disseminate lifesaving information is a driving force at SCPC. Throughout his career, he has created multiple programs to help others understand the life saving measures that can save a life. In 1981 at St. Agnes Hospital, Dr. Bahr established the Chest Pain Emergency Department (CPED), the first such unit in the world. The initial purpose of this CPED was prompt and effective treatment of patients presenting with





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Best of Luck in Saving A Life,  
Raymond D.Bahr MD

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### When Time Is of the Essence...

If you are training within your community, you might not have a lot of time with your audience. Use the following guidelines found in the EHAC Quick Training document to train the attendees at your event. Here is a quick training outline for health fairs, school groups, etc.

- Communicate the three main educational points:
- Heart attacks have beginnings. Symptoms can begin about 2 weeks prior to a major event. This is the window of opportunity to prevent death and minimize heart damage.
- Heart Attack deaths kill 800,000 people per year in the US, but we can cut that number by 50% if people will learn the signs & symptoms of Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC).
- If you suspect someone is having a heart attack, be a Good Samaritan and get them to medical care as soon as possible.



- Share the early signs and symptoms in the graphic.
- Administer the EHAC Oath to the audience. *"I understand that heart attacks have beginnings that may include chest discomfort, shortness of breath and/or arm pain, and weakness. These may occur hours or weeks before the actual heart attack. I solemnly swear that if it happens to me or anyone I know, I will call 9-1-1 or activate our Emergency Medical Services."*
- Hand out the "Heart Attacks Have Beginnings" badge to the new deputies.
- Congratulate them on saving a life!
- If you registered your deputies at your event, complete the EHAC Registration Form and submit it to us at [community@scpcp.org](mailto:community@scpcp.org) so we can add it to the EHAC counter!

## Download the Training Materials!

Deputy Heart Attack and EHAC, which are sponsored by the Society of Patient Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC) have created the materials you need to share with your community.



- Download the EHAC Brochure
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# EARLY HEART ATTACK CARE (EHAC) BOOMING

## Largest Public Education Effort in History of SCPC

The Society announced that its Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) program reached 50,000 pledges in July (up from 2,000 just six months ago) and passed 100,000 in September.

"This is a spectacular start," said SCPC and EHAC Founder, Dr. Ray Bahr, "but it's just a start. We're organized and planning to surpass 100,000 this year. I really have to thank the hundreds of volunteers from our 1,000-member hospitals, who have taken on this effort to educate the public."

*"How many heart attacks can an army of 100,000 prevent?"*

Dr. Raymond Bahr  
Founder SCPC and EHAC

"This is a phenomenal effort," said SCPC CEO Will Mink, "and exceeds every expectation of the Society. It shows the power of a good idea brought to light by a great leader such as Dr. Bahr, and will reduce unnecessary deaths from heart attacks."

The primary goal of EHAC is to promote public awareness of the fact that heart attacks have "beginnings" that can occur weeks before the actual attack. EHAC focuses on intervention during these beginnings to help prevent acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and cardiac arrest. Early symptoms, such as mild or stuttering chest pain, are identified as major risk factors for a heart attack.

Adults often ignore these warnings and put themselves at risk for significant damage to the heart muscle, or even death. The second goal of EHAC is to teach the public that individuals with heart attack symptoms should be evaluated and treated in an emergency department (ED) or chest pain center (CPC).

Experts there are trained in the rapid evaluation of patients, bringing together ED physicians, nurses, cardiologists, and technicians who work as a team to establish a comprehensive management plan for patients with chest pain. The Society was established in 1993 as a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to eliminating heart disease as the number one cause of death worldwide. SCPC pursues this mission by providing education and accreditation to healthcare facilities to improve the care of the cardiac patient.

EHAC is a public awareness campaign intended to educate the public about the signs of an impending heart attack and that these signs and symptoms can occur days or weeks before the actual event. These early symptoms need to be recognized and treated to avoid the damage caused by a full-blown heart attack.

## Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)

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## Need EHAC Materials?

EHAC is the foundation for the formation of the Society and a fully developed outreach program with materials and information. Visit the [www.deputyheartattack.org](http://www.deputyheartattack.org) website and click on the "Training in Your Community" tab to download materials for health fairs, school events and more!

To help you out, here are the links:

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If you have other materials you need such as logos or images, please feel free to contact me at [community@scpc.org](mailto:community@scpc.org). This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.



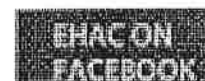
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- Take the Deputy Heart Attack course
- Understand the symptoms
- Spread the word



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- Thanks to our 150,000+ Volunteers!
- Congrats to our EHAC Finalists!

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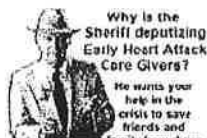
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#### A Heart Attack in Progress

A heart attack is the death of the heart muscle due to a lack of blood supply. The more time that passes without treatment, the greater the damage to the heart. Heart attacks are the number one killer of Americans. There are 4,100 heart attacks each day and of those nearly 600,000 people will die from the attack each year. A heart attack can present itself in several ways. It can be a sudden, severe pain or it can occur very gradually with increasing pain or discomfort occurring for several hours or even days.

#### Delay and Denial Can Be Deadly

When someone is having a heart attack they may have an unwillingness to accept it or may attribute the symptoms to another cause. This delay and denial can be very dangerous. People often take a wait-and-see approach, delaying because they:

- Do not recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and think that what they are feeling is due to something else.
- Are afraid or unwilling to admit that their symptoms could be serious.
- Are embarrassed about "causing a scene" or going to the hospital and finding out it was a false alarm.
- Do not understand the importance of getting to the hospital right away.

Family and friends beware, a heart attack victim may try and convince you that everything is okay

#### Heart Attack Symptoms

Classic heart attack symptoms

- Chest discomfort
- Chest pressure
- Chest ache
- Chest burning
- Chest fullness or tightness

#### Female Heart Attack Symptoms: What are They?

The chest-related heart attack signs often appear in men, and many women get them too. But many women don't have chest pain. In the Circulation study on early female heart attack symptoms, researchers found that during a heart attack, 43% of the 515 women studied had no "acute chest pain... a 'hallmark symptom in men,'" according to study authors.

Although women can have chest tightness as a symptom of a heart attack, it's also important for women to recognize that might not be their symptom. Women commonly

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## Early heart attack care (EHAC)

EHAC is an acronym for Early Heart Attack Care and teaches about the 'soft symptoms' of a heart attack; it alerts the public that heart attacks have beginnings and that treating chest pressure early, before it becomes the severe, crushing chest pain of a heart attack, is what is important. St. Luke's supports the educational mission of EHAC.

### Early heart attack symptoms

Not every heart attack displays the same symptoms. In fact, many people ignore the early signs of a heart attack. Unfortunately, when these early signs are ignored, we miss a "window of opportunity" to prevent the attack before any heart damage can occur. The following signs and symptoms are ones to be aware of




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## DID YOU KNOW HEART ATTACKS HAVE BEGINNINGS?

THESE "BEGINNINGS" OCCUR IN OVER 50% OF PATIENTS.  
Most importantly, if recognized in time, these "beginnings" can be treated before the heart is damaged!

### Alarming Statistics:

Heart disease caused approximately 1 of every 6 deaths in the United States in 2006.

In 2011, an estimated 785,000 Americans will have a first-time heart attack, and an estimated 470,000 will die.

Every 25 seconds, an American will have a coronary event, and every minute, someone will die of one.

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THESE SOBERING STATISTICS!

### What is EHAC?

EHAC or "Early Heart Attack Care" is three things:

1

A campaign intended to educate everyone as to the early symptoms of a heart attack in order to prevent the heart attack from ever occurring. Preventing the heart attack prevents heart damage.

2

A plea to the public to be responsible, not only for themselves, but for those around them, by recognizing early heart attack symptoms, and to help them obtain immediate treatment.

3

A public education program that concentrates on the benefits of receiving early treatment and emergency medical services.

### What makes the EHAC campaign different?

Unlike most programs that promote recognition of the signs and symptoms of an impending heart attack, the EHAC campaign encourages early recognition when symptoms may be mild. For the 50% of people experiencing these early symptoms, the heart attack can be prevented with early treatment - BEFORE ANY DAMAGE TO THE HEART CAN OCCUR.

### So what are the early symptoms?

Remember, people may or may not experience any or all of these symptoms. People may experience symptoms such as pressure, burning, aching or tightness. These symptoms may come and go until finally becoming severe.

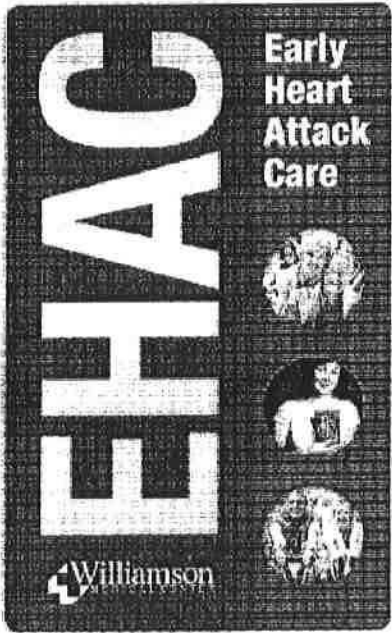


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**What makes the ENAC campaign different?**  
 Unlike other programs that concentrate on the risks and symptoms of coronary heart disease, the ENAC initiative is unique in that it focuses on the prevention of heart disease. By teaching people how to prevent heart disease, the heart attack can be prevented and injury treatment is the only damage to the heart can avoid.



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## Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)



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### Did you know that 85% of heart

damage occurs within the first two hours of a heart attack? Early Heart Attack Care means knowing the subtle danger signs of a heart attack and acting upon them right away, before heart damage occurs.

### So what are the early symptoms?

Remember, people may or may not have any or all of these symptoms:

- Nausea
- Pain that travels down one or both arms
- Jaw pain
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Chest pressure, squeezing or discomfort
- Back pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling of fullness

Also, people may have mild chest symptoms, such as pressure, burning, aching or tightness. These symptoms may come and go until finally becoming consistent and severe.

**What can you do?**  
Commit to three steps and take the EHAC oath!

### What should you do?

Commit to these three steps:

- 1) Learn the early signs and symptoms of a heart attack.
- 2) Share EHAC with others.
- 3) Take the oath.

Pledge to be a part of a movement to save hearts and save lives. *"Because Every Heart Matters."*

**EHAC Oath ...** I understand that heart diseases have beginnings that may include chest discomfort, shortness of breath, shoulder and/or arm pain, and weakness. These may occur hours or weeks before the actual heart attack.

I solemnly swear that if it happens to me or anyone I know, I will call 911 or activate our Emergency Medical Services.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Society of Chest Pain Centers

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The **Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care** (previously the **Society of Chest Pain Centers**) (SCPC) is an international nonprofit organization committed to eradicating heart disease as the number one cause of death worldwide. The Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care focuses on transforming cardiovascular care by assisting facilities in their effort to create communities of excellence that bring together quality, cost and patient satisfaction. As the only cross-specialty organization, SCPC provides the support needed for individual hospitals and hospital systems to effectively bridge existing gaps in treatment by providing the tools, education and support necessary to successfully navigate the changing face of healthcare. It is headquartered in Dublin, Ohio. Through disease management and accreditation processes, SCPC is "Taking Science to the Bedside."

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## History

The concept of creating a chest pain center (CPC) in every hospital was presented in the late 1980s as a strategy to significantly reduce heart attack deaths through the rapid treatment of patients with acute myocardial infarction. In 1981, the first CPC was started in the emergency room at St. Agnes HealthCare Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. This area of the emergency room was originally called the Chest Pain Emergency Room and later changed to Chest Pain Centers in Emergency Departments. By 1988, St. Agnes was able to track the creation of more than 2000 Chest Pain Centers in Emergency Departments throughout the United States.

In 1993, the First Congress of Chest Pain Centers was held in Savannah, Georgia.

In February 1997, Reader's Digest publishes the article, *He Declared War on Heart Attacks* on Early Heart Attack Care as championed by Dr. Raymond Bahr, a cardiologist at St. Agnes, in order to prevent untimely deaths by heart attacks.

In 1998, The Society of Chest Pain Centers was created as a new medical society in order to further develop CPCs and the mission was to reduce heart attack deaths by placing emphasis on Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC).

In 2000, the growth of the CPC was almost halted when the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) created a new policy that observation services in the emergency room were not going to be reimbursed. The Society of Chest Pain Centers and the American College of Cardiology (ACC), American Heart Association (AHA), American Medical Association (AMA), American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC) met with the HCFA in order to petition to have this rule overturned and, in 2001, they were successful. After the ruling was reversed, HCFA administrators requested additional information in order to discern "Accredited" facilities from those that used this phrase as a marketing term.

### Implementation of Accreditation Process

In 2001, the Society of Chest Pain Centers established an accreditation committee to set up an Accreditation Process of Improvement for Hospitals with Chest Pain Centers. The Accreditation Process was based on the "Eight Key Elements of a Chest Pain Center" previously published in the American Journal of Cardiology.

#### The Eight Key Elements include

- Community Education and Early Heart Attack Care
- Emergency Department Integration with the EMS
- Emergency Assessment of Patients with Symptoms of ACS – Timely Diagnosis and Treatment of ACS
- Assessment of Patients with Low Risk for ACS and No Assignable Cause for Their Symptoms
- Process Improvement
- Personnel, Competencies and Training
- Organizational Structure and Commitment
- Functional Facility Design

After a hospital becomes accredited, the process cycle for improvement must be documented every three years in order to maintain active accreditation status. The Society of Chest Pain Centers process improvement accreditation and certification programs include:

- Chest Pain Center Accreditation
- Heart Failure Accreditation
- Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) Accreditation
- Certified Chest Pain Coordinator Program

As of March 18, 2015, the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care has granted 1,026 Chest Pain Center, Atrial Fibrillation, or Heart Failure Accreditations.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Early Heart Attack Care and Community Education

In addition to accreditation and process improvement for hospitals, the Society of Chest Pain Centers utilizes outreach communication to inform the medical community and the community at large about Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC).<sup>[2]</sup> Developed in 1985, this education is shared worldwide to help people recognize the early signs in order to prevent a heart attack from occurring in themselves or others. In the event of a heart attack, early detection can also prevent extensive damage to the affected heart muscle. Early Heart Attack Care education identifies the early symptoms of a heart attack so that people can receive medical care as soon as possible. Symptoms can include:

- Mild chest pressure, squeezing or discomfort
- Nausea
- Pain that travels down one or both arms
- Jaw pain
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- Back pain
- Shortness of breath
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The EHAC initiative originally started in 1985 at St. Agnes Hospital. As part of this initiative to educate the medical community and the community at large, the initiative includes a web-based tool called Deputy Heart Attack. Deputy Heart Attack provides an educational course on spotting a heart attack and providing the timely medical care.<sup>[3]</sup> After the course and a small test, a person who successfully passes the course becomes "Deputized" in EHAC. [Link] As part of the deputizing process, the user must adhere to the EHAC Oath, *"I understand that heart attacks have beginnings and, on occasion, signs of an impending heart attack may include chest discomfort, shortness of breath, shoulder and/or arm pain, and weakness. These may occur hours or weeks before the actual heart attack. I solemnly swear that if it happens to me or anyone I know, I will call 9-1-1 or activate our Emergency Medical Services."*

In May 2012, SCPC expands educational resources to the public at large by releasing BestHeartHospital App for Apple and Android platforms that can be downloaded directly to a phone, tablet or computer.<sup>[4]</sup> This app allows patients to view accredited facilities in their area.

As of June 27, 2012, 4998 people have taken the EHAC Oath.<sup>[5]</sup> As of February 22, 2015, 375,323 people have taken the EHAC Oath.<sup>[6]</sup>

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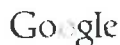
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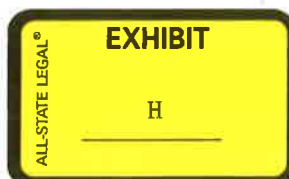
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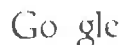
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### Delay and Denial Can Be Deadly

When someone is having a heart attack they may have an unwillingness to accept it or may attribute the symptoms to another cause. This delay and denial can be very dangerous. People often take a wait-and-see approach, delaying because they:



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- Over half a million people die from a heart attack each year.
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- Recognize signs and symptoms
- **Call for help right away: 9-1-1**
- Stay with the person
- Stay calm and keep the person calm

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### Early Heart Attack Symptoms

Remember, people may or may not experience any or all of these symptoms.

- Nausea
- Feeling of fullness
- Pain that travels down one or both arms
- Jaw pain
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Chest pressure, squeezing or discomfort
- Back pain
- Shortness of breath

People may experience mild chest symptoms, such as pressure, burning, aching or tightness. These symptoms may come and go until finally becoming constant and severe.

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### Heart Attack Symptoms

If you are experiencing:

- Pain or tightness in the chest, arm, jaw, shoulders or upper back
- Shortness of breath
- Weakness, dizziness, nausea or vomiting
- Unusual onset of fatigue or discomfort in the arms, back, neck or stomach

Call 911 immediately and ask them to take you to the nearest Certified Chest Pain Center with PCI.

### Two Types of Heart Attacks

Heart attacks occur when a coronary artery suddenly becomes at least partially blocked by a blood clot, causing at least some of the heart muscle being supplied by that artery to die. Heart attacks are divided into two types accord to their severity. A STEMI is the more severe type.

STEMI stands for ST segment elevation myocardial infarction. In a STEMI, the coronary artery is completely blocked off by the blood clot, and as a result virtually all the heart muscle being supplied by the affected artery starts to die. This type of heart attack can usually be recognized on an electrocardiogram by the elevated ST segment which indicates a large amount of damage to the heart muscle.

NSTEMI, or non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction, is a less severe type of heart attack. In a NSTEMI, the artery is only



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If you are not sure that you are having a heart attack and you need to know more, try answering these questions:

1. Are you having discomfort in the middle of your chest?
2. Are you having any of the following chest discomfort symptoms: Fullness within the chest, burning within the chest, aching within the chest, tightness within the chest or similar type symptom?
3. Do these chest discomfort symptoms come and go?
4. Are these chest discomfort symptoms worse with activity and disappear when you rest?
5. Are you reluctant to tell someone of these symptoms?
6. Are you reluctant to call because you think your mild symptoms do not warrant doing so?
7. Do you have any of these other associated symptoms: Discomfort that goes from the chest to your left arm or to your jaw, clammy perspiration, shortness of breath, nausea or dizziness?
8. If you carry with you nitroglycerin, does the nitroglycerin seem to take away the discomfort within 5 minutes?

If you answered yes to most of these questions you owe it to yourself to get these symptoms checked out immediately at the nearest hospital's Emergency Room or Chest Pain Center. It is better to be safe than sorry.

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Heart attack and heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. for both men and women. Warning signs may show up individually, or in any combination. Click here to read specifically about women's warning signs for heart disease, which can be different and often more subtle than men's.

**If you have any warning signs, call 911 immediately.**

Be prepared to immediately provide this information to the 911 dispatcher. Please note that they cannot pinpoint your location if you are on a cell phone.

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## Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC)

About half of all people who have a heart attack experience early heart attack symptoms, which are often mild. However, if these symptoms are recognized and the person can get immediate treatment, in many cases the heart attack can be prevented.

Heart attacks often begin gradually, before the heart is damaged. The sooner someone who is having a heart attack can get care, the better his or her outcome will be.

Early symptoms of a heart attack are:

- Nausea
- Pain that travels down one or both arms
- Jaw pain
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Chest pressure
- Back pain
- Shortness of breath

While these are the most common early symptoms, someone having a heart attack may only experience a few – or none – of them.

Because the majority of heart damage occurs within the first two hours of a heart attack, seeking early treatment is vital. If you believe you or someone you are with is having a heart attack, call 911.

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## Early Heart Attack Care

Chest pain is one of the most common symptoms of a heart attack and one of the most common reasons people visit the emergency room. Each year more than one million Americans have a heart attack, and nearly half of those heart attacks are fatal. Emergency room physicians will tell you that for a heart attack to be treated effectively, the treatments must start within 30 minutes from when the symptoms start.

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### Early Heart Attack Symptoms

Not every heart attack displays the same symptoms as those we may see on the many medical TV shows we are exposed to daily. In fact, many people ignore the early signs of a heart attack, simply dismissing the more subtle symptoms because they expect the drama associated with a Hollywood episode. Unfortunately, when these early signs are ignored, we miss a "window of opportunity" to prevent the attack before any heart damage can occur. The following signs and symptoms are ones to be aware of in yourself or in your family members:

- **Shortness of breath without exertion.** Although most of us experience shortness of breath when we are exercising or expending energy outside of what we do normally, difficulty breathing when performing normal activities is an early sign that should be investigated.
- **Heartburn.** The sensation of heartburn or a burning in the chest can be mapped to spicy food and quickly discarded. This sensation can also be an early sign of a heart attack, especially if the condition becomes chronic. If you find yourself taking over-the-counter antacids on a regular basis, the underlying cause of your trouble needs to be discussed with your doctor.
- **Discomfort or pain.** Although we think of heart pain as a pain occurring in the area of the heart, for some individuals this is not the case. People who have suffered a heart attack have described their early symptoms everywhere from crushing to squeezing to pressure occurring in the chest and even other areas of the body. Shoulders, neck, and jaw are areas reportedly affected prior to a heart attack. Always seek immediate attention if you are experiencing this type of pain, even if the symptoms disappear or are only intermittent.
- **A feeling of impending doom.** Some patients describe a feeling of anxiety and fear prior to the occurrence of a heart attack. Although not usually thought of as an early symptom, and certainly attributable to other matters, this "feeling" can still be an early indicator, especially when combined with any of the other symptoms listed



above.

#### **Don't Wait - Call 911**

It is critical for those who experience any chest discomfort or pain to quickly get to the emergency department to be evaluated. It's not the heart attack itself that kills; it is also the time wasted when one is trying to decide whether or not to go to the hospital.

#### **Why Call 911?**

More than 50 percent of all patients experiencing chest pain walk into the ED rather than calling 911. But calling 911 starts treatment earlier.

- 911 dispatchers are often trained to locate you quickly and assist you in early treatment options.
- In many areas, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) can diagnose a heart attack by using an electrocardiogram (ECG) and also initiate early treatment.
- Arriving by ambulance to the ED helps to ensure that you will not wait to be seen by a physician. Many patients who experience chest pain drive themselves, only to find that they may wait in the ED lobby until they can see a doctor.
- EMS can radio ahead to the ED that you are on your way. This enables the ED staff to be ready for you when you arrive through their doors.

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#### **Heart Attack Treatments**

The main heart attack treatments are thrombolytic or clot-busting drugs, aspirin, nitrates and beta blockers. Aspirin is now given to all patients who arrive at the hospital with a suspected heart attack because it helps thin the blood and reduce the size of the clot

blocking one of the blood vessels in the heart.

There are a number of special procedures available that doctors can use to treat heart attacks. Coronary angioplasty uses a very small catheter that is threaded through an artery (usually from the groin area) into the narrowed artery. At the end of the catheter is a tiny balloon that is opened and closed in the narrowed area to stretch it out. Doctors also can insert a tiny mesh tube called a stent to help keep the artery open.

For blocked arteries, doctors may need to perform a bypass. In a coronary artery bypass graft operation, doctors take a healthy section of artery and use it to route around the blockage.

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#### **Improving Heart Attack Care**

Fountain Valley Regional Hospital's Chest Pain Center is the only Orange County hospital accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers, which means that FVRH meets or exceeds quality-of-care measures associated with diagnosing and treating heart attacks.

As an Accredited Chest Pain Center, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality cardiac care and has the resources available to rapidly diagnose and treat patients.

A study published in the July 2008 issue of the American Journal of Cardiology found that hospitals accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers perform better on the heart attack measures established by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as compared to non-accredited facilities. These core measures represent best practices in the care for heart attacks.

"We have an obligation to provide the finest care possible to our community," said interventional cardiologist Arthur Calick, M.D., Medical Director of the Chest Pain Center at FVRH. "It's about saving lives."

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## Early Heart Attack Care



Pam Kostic, RN gave a very informative talk on "Early Heart Attack Care" at our regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10th.

Pam is the Chest Pain Coordinator for Long Island's only accredited Chest Pain Center with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention at Stony Brook University Hospital. Stony Brook has adopted the "Early Heart Attack Care" program, which focuses on recognizing the early, subtle signs of a heart attack.

She began by citing some alarming statistics:

- Heart disease causes approximately 1 of every 4 deaths in the U.S., and about half of the sudden cardiac deaths occur outside a hospital
- Each year in the U.S. 400,000 people have early symptoms of a heart attack, and an equal number suffer heart attacks without having any symptoms
- A majority of people who suffer heart attacks are unaware of the early signs, and do not seek help when they have symptoms of an attack

She said that asking patients about their discomfort is important because early symptoms vary - they may not have chest pain, rather fullness in the abdomen, shortness of breath, back, arm or jaw pain, or anxiety and chronic fatigue.

Pam stressed the importance of knowing the early signs of a heart attack, as well as the risk factors and lifestyle changes that will affect your chances of having a heart attack.

She explained that Early Heart Attack Care is:

- A campaign intended to educate everyone as to the early symptoms of a heart attack in order to prevent the heart attack from ever occurring
- A plea to the public to be responsible, not only for themselves, but for those around them who may be experiencing early heart attack symptoms, and to help them obtain immediate treatment
- A public education program that concentrates on the benefits of receiving early treatment, and activating emergency medical services

More information about heart disease and prevention is available on their website: [www.deputyheartattack.org](http://www.deputyheartattack.org).

Pam was the guest of Kathy Moore; they're shown above with Babylon Rotary President Mike Hack.

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### Early Heart Attack Care: Know How to Recognize the Beginnings of a Heart Attack

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Every 25 seconds, someone in the United States will have a coronary event, and every minute someone will die of one. This is one of a number of alarming statistics about heart attacks, which are still the leading cause of deaths for both men and women in the U.S. While hospitals and healthcare providers have made major in-roads in providing rapid and highly effective treatment for acute cardiac events, patients are not always aware of the early warning signs and may delay seeking treatment.



A study by the American Heart Association found that half the people suffering from heart attack symptoms waited as long as four hours to seek help. When you consider 85 percent of heart damage occurs within the first two hours of a heart attack, even one hour is too long to wait. According to the Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC), about 50% of sudden cardiac deaths happen outside of a hospital, which indicates heart attack victims either are not acting on symptoms or lack awareness of what they are. The SCPC has launched the Early Heart Attack Care (EHAC) campaign to raise awareness that heart attacks have beginnings and these "beginning symptoms" occur in more than 50 percent of heart attack patients.

Early symptoms of heart attack can include:

- Nausea
- Pain that travels down one or both arms
- Jaw pain
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Chest pressure, squeezing or discomfort
- Back pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling of fullness

Additional warning signs can include mild pressure, burning, aching or tightness in the chest that comes and goes until it becomes constant or severe.

Keep in mind not everyone will experience all of these symptoms, and to complicate matters, some heart attack victims experience no symptoms at all. Women's symptoms can be particularly vague, sometimes seeming more like flu symptoms than a heart attack.

**If you think you are having a heart attack, call 9-1-1 or have someone in your immediate vicinity drive you to the nearest emergency room.** Do not drive yourself to the hospital. The more awareness we create around heart attack symptoms, the better chance we have of saving lives.

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